

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Foundation Stage – Summer term



Welcome to the Summer Term of 2022!

Firstly a warm welcome to our 3 new families in Acorn class. We hope you will soon feel settled and a part of our Foundation Stage at St Joseph's. Also it was great to hear recently that all of our school starter Acorns have a place to start in Oak class in September. They will be joined by other children from other local preschools and nursery's.

This term we are hoping it will be a sunny one!

In Mathematics we will continue with our Power Maths where this term we focus on developing our counting skills and exploring the composition of numbers. The Oak children will be exploring counting on and backwards when adding and subtracting as well as numerical patterns with odd and even numbers, halving and sharing.

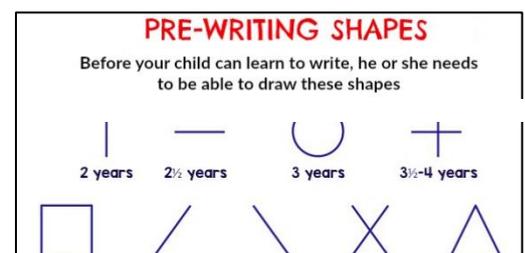
For Creative development, as well as the roleplay and imaginative play, we will also be looking at some pencil and painting skills.

The better weather means we can get out and about a bit more to explore our grounds, natural world and local / school environment. We have arranged a trip to the church on the morning of Friday 19th May. If you can help support us on this visit please let me know.

We will also continue to be physically active with our outdoor play, using bikes and trikes, obstacle courses, P.E sessions as well as yoga, movement and music. The Oaks will also have their specialist P.E session on a Tuesday with Mr Keast.

During Funky fingers sessions we will continue to practise fine motor activities from tweezers to pegs and threading beads/cheerio's onto different strings. In Acorn class - our school starters, and those children that are ready, will look at forming the letters in their names and the pre-writing shapes that help us to form our letters.

The Oak children will continue to practise the letter formation for each letter family – Children can get into bad habits with letter formation and we want to try and reduce that as much as possible before they become fluent writers.



Finally with the King's coronation coming up we will be celebrating as a school and learning about the topic in class.

As always our topics will develop according to the children's next steps and interest.

Oak Class -			
Subject	Set on Tapestry	Due in	Frequency
Oak Class home learning	Friday	Wednesday	Weekly
Reading 	<p>Your child will continue to receive their ebook and pleasure books- Practise really does make progress! See the yellow reading book for more information.</p> <p>Please ensure you write in the yellow reading book to let me know how your child is getting on at home.</p> <p>Get them writing! Encourage your child to write independently using their growing phonic skills. They could write shopping lists, cards, post-its, notes, messages, letters, little books and postcards – anything at all. It's all great practise.</p>		

Reminders:

<p>School lunch</p> <p>PLEASE</p>  <p>NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS</p>	<p>Oak children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Thank you for selecting your menu choices already. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer.</p> <p>For Acorn children a school lunch can be ordered daily at a cost of £2.35 Please complete a menu choice form available and pay on ParentPay.</p> <p>We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps.</p> <p>Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time.</p> <p>We are a nut free school. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.</p>
Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	<p>Now that the uniform has been through the wash a few times please ensure labels are still securely attached or that the pen can still be read easily.</p> <p>Grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore dress, white or grey socks, grey tights, white polo shirt, green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable)</p> <p>Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows.</p> <p>Nail varnish is not allowed.</p> <p>School shoes must be black (no heels, trainers or boots.)</p>
PE kit	<p>Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers.</p> <p>School jumpers to be worn over P.E kits please.</p> <p>Earrings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons.</p> <p>Watches must be removed for PE.</p> <p>PE kit should be worn to school on a Tuesday</p>
Bags	<p>Reception, Yr 1 and 2 children must have a book bag in school every day. This is so that the children can change their reading for pleasure book.</p> <p>Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as many rucksacks take up a lot of room!</p>
Mornings	<p>Our Foundation Stage doors are open from 8:50am. Please pass on any quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment.</p> <p>Children and parents arriving after 9am will be asked to sign in at the office.</p> <p>We are very impressed with how independent the children have been this term with sorting their belongings. Thank you for your help with ensuring their snack and bottles are easily accessible and supporting them with putting on their own coats and shoes.</p>

After school	Acorn (Nursery) children finish at 3:15pm and Oak (Reception) children finish at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.
Contact details	Please ensure you contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office asap if you change your phone number or address.

We always encourage the children to feel proud when they can achieve things by themselves. This includes taking responsibility for their own possessions. We have established routines whereby children are able to ensure snack pots, water bottles and book bags find their place in the classroom and are taken home at the end of the day. The children are regularly reminded to put jumpers / cardigans safely on their pegs or in their tray. Please ensure jumper/ cardigans and shoes are clearly named in case of any going astray!

Grown-ups - you can help your child by encouraging them to put on their clothes, coats and shoes at home and by helping them to eat independently at meal times. Children should be encouraged to use a knife and fork at home.

As the weather is warming up the sun seems to be increasingly powerful. We have a great outdoor area and the children have access to it for many parts of the day. Please make sure you have applied sun cream to them before they come to school. You can buy high factors and long lasting creams that will give your child all day protection. A sun hat (clearly named) should also be worn.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so please remember our door is always open and you can come and talk to us if you have any questions and concerns.

Yours sincerely,

The Foundation Stage Team.