



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Welcome to Owl CLASS R/Yr 1

Autumn Term 2018



Class teachers: Mrs Dinata –Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; Mrs Soby - Wednesday

Welcome back to the Autumn Term 2018!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year and have been super impressed with how eager the children have been to get back to learning! Welcome all our new families. Our new friends are settling in like champions. We hope that your child has enjoyed the new challenges and approaches to learning so far in Owl Class! Now that the Autumn Term is well underway, we would like to share some important information about your child's class and their learning. It is a little different in Owl class as we have the EYFS provision and Year 1 curriculum together. This is new for all of us, children, parents and teachers. We are working hard to get the balance right. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to us. We are available at drop off or pick up. If you need a little longer, please make an appointment with us. We are really looking forward to the year ahead and working in partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well.

Daily Planned Activity (DPA) and PE

This term PE will be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. The children will need their PE kit in school everyday. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are named including footwear. If for any reason your child is unable to participate, could you please inform us via a short note.

Snacks and water

We encourage the children to bring a water bottle into school daily. There is a water fountain in the classroom for children to access throughout the day. We provide fruit at break time daily for all children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One.

RE

This term our RE focus is Creation. We will explore the story of Creation. We will think about what God has given us to be thankful for and consider ways we can protect God's creation. The children will be developing an appreciation of themselves and the world around them as part of God's creation.

Theme

In the continuous provision our theme is 'Owls'. We are exploring habitats and how this is changing now Autumn is here.

Our topic later this term will be Pole to Pole. We will be locating the poles, looking at animals and their habitats. Our story will be Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.

Morning routine and expectations

Our doors open at 8.45 and there will be a maths morning challenge for the children to complete either at their table or on the carpet. In order to promote independence, the children are encouraged to store away their own belongings and settle into the challenge.

Reading and Phonics

Please can you encourage your child to bring their book bag and reading book to school every day. Please make time to listen to your child read each day and make a short comment in the reading record. Your support with reading is invaluable. We are always looking for volunteers to read with children. If you think you may be able to help please let us know. We will change your child's book once a week.

We have been very busy completing phonics assessments. Phonics will be an integral part of our teaching for Owl class and will be taught daily using the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Reception Owls will be learning their first sounds, and Year One consolidating their previous phonics knowledge and learning phase 5 sounds. Phonics workshops will be held soon for parents.

'Come Read With Me' - From Monday 24th we invite you to stay and read with your child from 9-9:15m.

Home Learning.

Year One Owls have weekly maths, phonics and spelling tasks. Please hand homework in on Mondays.

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We change books once a week in Owl Class. Please see below which group will be changed on which day. You can get a newbook any day before school starts.



Monday	Blue
Tuesday	Red
Wednesday	Yellow
Thursday	Green
Friday	Orange

Please see the sign by the coat pegs if you are unsure of which group your child is in. There is also a dot on their peg as a reminder.

All children will be learning new sounds using our exciting phonics programme—Letters and Sounds.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing the Reception Owls first sounds.

s a t p i n m d g

We hope you will spend some time practicing these with your children.

We will also be helping your child count forwards and backwards up to 20.

Year One Owls could try counting to 100!



My number line



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

WOW MOMENTS!

We all contribute to your child's learning journey. We love to hear what your child has achieved outside of school. WOW moment slips can be found in the cloakroom. Please fill these in to share special achievements that you have noticed with us. We have a special WOW box by the pegs where these slips can be posted.



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