



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Welcome to PUFFIN CLASS Y1/Y2

Spring Term 2019



Class teachers: Mrs Hunter - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; Mrs Mariadas - Monday, Tuesday

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2019!

We hope that during the busy Christmas break you have found some time to relax and recharge ready for the term ahead. We have had a wonderful start to the new year and are now well underway with this term's learning challenges. We are really looking forward to the term ahead and continuing to work in partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and progressing well.

Please come and see us if you have any queries either at drop off or pick up. If you need a little longer, please make an appointment with us.

Daily Planned Activity (DPA) and PE

This term PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children will need their PE kit in school everyday as we also take part in DPA. Please ensure that all items of PE kit are named including footwear.

Morning routine and expectations

Our doors open at 8.45. We encourage the children to store away their own belongings and change their reading books if necessary. We expect the children to complete the set morning challenge at their tables.

We provide fruit at break time for all children Foundation Stage and Key Stage One.

Reading, Phonics and Word Power

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. You can expect your child to read with an adult in school at least once a week. This may be more frequent depending on your child's developmental stage of reading. We are always looking for volunteers to read with children. If you think you may be able to help please let us know. Phonics will still be an integral part of our teaching for our Year One children and will be taught daily using the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. The focus for Year Two will remain on spelling and grammar which will embed phonic knowledge.

Green Fingers

Our Topic for this term is 'Green Fingers'. We will be learning about different plants, foods and vegetables. We will be taking our learning outside of the classroom with a visit to Ocombe Farm to learn more about where our food comes from and what different plants and vegetables can be used for. We will be looking at conditions needed for growing different plants and using what we have learnt to create our own allotment! Our English work will link to our topic through poetry and stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk.

Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly. This will include a spelling or phonics activity along with a maths challenge to complete. Homework is sent home on a Wednesday and is due back on Monday.

Snacks and Water

We encourage the children to bring a water bottle to school each day. We provide a fruit snack for each child daily.

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