

Transition to FS2



July 2020



Curriculum

Children in FS2 continue to follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The curriculum is made up of Prime Areas and Specific Areas of Development.

Prime Areas

- ❖ Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- ❖ Physical Development
- ❖ Communication and Language

Specific Areas

- ❖ Literacy
- ❖ Maths
- ❖ Understanding the World
- ❖ Expressive Art and Design



Assessment

Children are assessed at the end of FS2 against the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. This consists of all of the Prime areas and Literacy and Mathematics from the Specific areas.

Assessments are taken from observations and teacher and child led activities.

Results are collected nationally and these are shared with you at the end of the year.



Collective Worship

Our daily Act of Worship is a very special time in school. This is an opportunity to come together as a class, KS or school family to say prayers and to learn about Jesus.

We have lots of worship opportunities for parents to join us e.g. Easter, Christmas, class liturgies, celebrations in Church. In choosing a Catholic school, we hope that parents are committing themselves to *their child's* full participation in the Christian life of the school.



Literacy

Reading

Reading is taught through Read, Write, Inc (RWI) phonics with the help of 'Fred the Frog'. Children will have a daily session of RWI where they will learn 'pure' letter sounds (ie. d not duh). They will then begin to read simple words and will bring home Word Time Sheets to practise their reading further.

Once children are confident with the initial letter sounds, they will move on to reading books in class. They will bring home a copy of this book to read at home too. Children can also bring home library books to share and story sacks to develop their love of reading.

Writing

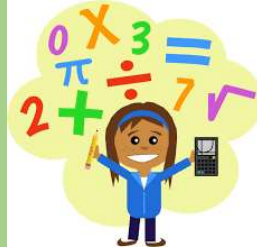
Children will learn rhymes to help them write each sound they learn. We will provide parents with a copy of these rhymes to help children practise at home. At St Joseph's we teach a cursive style of writing which all children are encouraged to use.

Once children are confident with the initial sounds they will learn to use their 'fred fingers' to spell CVC words such as cat, dog, etc.

It is very important that children practise their reading and writing at home too.

Mathematics

Children will have daily Mathematics lessons where they will learn their numbers up to 20 and beyond. They will also learn about shapes and measurement.



School Day

The normal school day runs from 8.35am -3.15pm. Children enter and leave school via the playground. Parents are welcome to settle their children in to class. If your child will be collected by anyone other than a parent please let Miss Horton know. Due to Covid 19 these arrangements may be subject to change.

Extended School

Breakfast Club - Our Breakfast Club is open from 7.30am each morning for £2.50.

After School Clubs - we hope to resume these in September. These will run from 3.15-4.30pm at a cost of £1.50 each. These are generally not suitable for FS children as they are often tired by the end of the school day.

Healthy Eating

Children in FS and KS1 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day as part of a Government scheme. They also have the opportunity of a breakfast bagel every morning.



Water Bottles

Children are welcome to bring a full water bottle in to school each day. Only water (not flavoured) is permitted in water bottles.

Water bottles must be purchased from school and have the school logo on (£1.50 each). This provides a great name recognition opportunity for all children to locate their own water bottle in class.



School Lunches

FS2 and KS1 children receive a free school lunch each day. There is a selection of hot food each day along with sandwiches and a salad bar.

Free School Meals (FSM)

If you think your child may be eligible for income based free school meals, you must apply as school receives £1320 for every FSM child. This helps us to keep class sizes small and to provide additional adult support in classes. This also means your child will continue to get a FSM in KS2 or if the free scheme ceases in FS or KS1.

Those entitled to FSM will have access to £100 of this funding which can be used for visits or uniform.

If you think you may be eligible please contact school so we can send you the appropriate form to complete.

Attendance

Registers are taken twice a day. It is very important if your child needs to be absent that you inform the school office each day of their absence.

Attendance is monitored closely by school and NPCAT and attendance below 95% is regarded as 'poor'. Holidays in term time are not allowed unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances.

Uniform

All children at St Joseph's wear a school uniform to give them a sense of identity. Lollipops are our uniform supplier and they deliver directly to school. The FS uniform is grey trousers, grey skirt or a grey dress, a yellow polo shirt and a green sweatshirt or sweat cardigan (not knitted). Black school shoes should be worn. Trainers are not permitted.

Children will take part in PE which requires a school PE kit consisting of bottle green shorts, a yellow t-shirt and PE shoes. It is very important that all items of your child's uniform has names in it for easy identification.

If you need to make an order, please take advantage of the fact that we are subsidising any orders made before July 17th. Price lists can be viewed on our website and orders placed directly with Lollipops.



Transport

We have 2 school minibuses which we use to bring children to and from school each day which help to reduce traffic outside school too.

If you are interested in a place for September, please contact school as soon as you can. The costings, routes and timings can be found on our school website <https://stjosephs.npcat.org.uk/transport/>.



Parents

You are welcome to speak to class teachers at the beginning and end of the school day or make a telephone appointment. Please contact us if you have any concerns, we aim to provide you with as much support and advice as possible concerning your child's education.

Any Questions

If you have any further questions/queries that we have not covered in this transition booklet then please don't hesitate to contact us at enquires@stjosephs.npcat.org.uk.