Our Virtue To Live By is……Charity

We turn our attention to the virtue of charity. This virtue seeks to give and to love without receiving anything back. We have seen so much of this through the giving of people's time and of themselves during this last year. Although, for many, money and material goods have become more restricted, the essence of charity is still ever present. How can we continue to foster it?

Think and speak kindly of others.

Pray for the needs of others

Encourage inclusivity

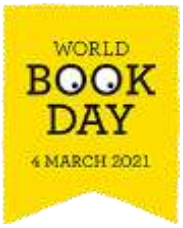
Encourage acts of kindness

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: "If you want to," he said, "you can cure me." Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. "Of course I want to!" he said. "Be cured!"

(Mark 1:40-45)

Newsletter Spring 1 Week 6

On **Thursday 4th March** whether your child is in school or at home we invite them to dress up as their favourite book character or wear pyjamas to celebrate World Book Day.



World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the chance to have a book of their own. World Book Day is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the joy of reading. Visit worldbookday.com for brilliant ideas and resources for reading together at home. Your £1 book token has been sent out to you today via Groupcall.

https://www.worldbookday.com/

Remote Learning Pupil Survey

As you are aware, we asked parents to support our children in completing this. Thank you to all of the 109 children who completed this. Below are our children's responses to the remote learning survey.

Number of Children not accessing Google Classrooms everyday this week.

Lower Foundation— Almost all Nursery children in school

Upper Foundation— 5 children

Year 1— 3 children

Year 2— 4 children

Year 3— 2 children

Year 4— 2 children

Year 5— 2 children

Year 6— 9 children

Whole School—27

More History please. I really like it! Thank you Mr Jones for making learning fun.

Perfect

I love our Theme Days and I can't wait for Disney Day

I'm happy with everything

Virtual Library

VIRTUAL LIBRARY ALERT!

This post is for year groups 2 to 6...

Here at St Josephs, we are passionate that all children will become confident, competent, life-long readers. The best way of achieving this is by ensuring children have access to a range of exciting books that they can read again and again.

I'm excited to share with you a new, free online reading resource found at www.getepic.com.

Struggling for books at home? Epic! is a kids subscription-based reading and learning platform. It offers access to books and videos for children ages 12 and under. The service can be used on desktop and mobile devices.

There are over 40,000+ books of all genres and reading abilities to explore and enjoy. The site even has audiobooks to listen to.

Pupils simply go to www.getepic.com/students enter the class code, which your teachers will have posted on their stream, and select the name to link to their profile- it really is that easy!

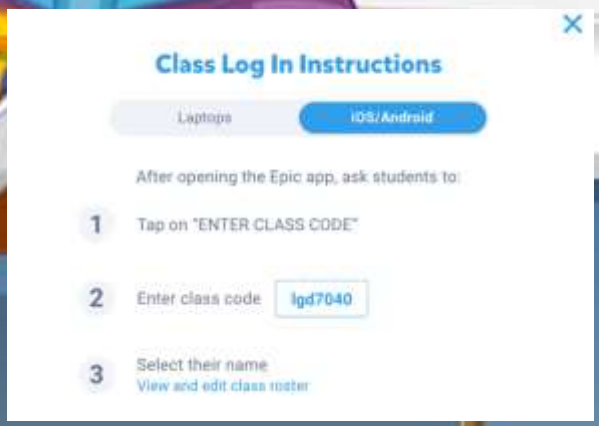
Teachers will award Dojo points to pupils who create their accounts and access a book of their choice. :)

Children also have access to the 'Oxford Owl' reading scheme online where you can discover expert advice, educational resources and free eBooks to support children's learning both in school and at home.

These books link with the Read Write Inc. Phonics scheme we follow in school and will be a great resource to use at home.

Please see your class page for log in details.

Happy Reading!



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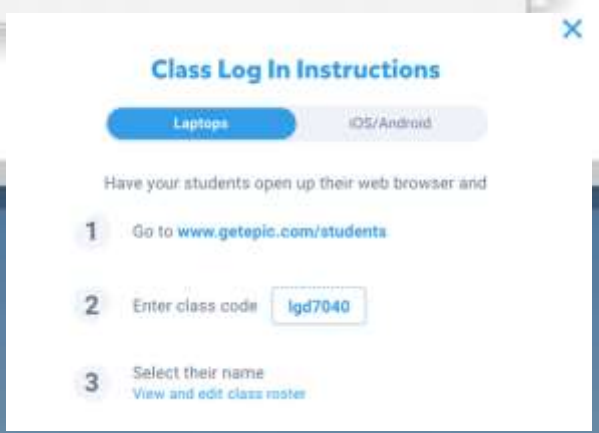


Laptops or computers

Art and Design Technology @ St Joseph's Pontefract!

What is Design Technology?

Design and technology is an inspiring, creative and practical subject. Using creativity and imagination, pupils design and make products that solve real and relevant problems within a variety of contexts.

The progression of skills the children learn are,

- Planning, developing and communicating ideas
- Working with a variety of tools, materials and equipment to make quality products (including food)
- Evaluating processes and products

What is Art and Design?

Art is a means of communication and expression.

At St Joseph's, we aim to provide a high-quality Art and Design education which will engage, inspire and challenge pupils, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to experiment, invent and create their own works of art, craft and design.

The progression of skills the children learn are,

- To explore and develop ideas
- To evaluate and develop work
- Drawing
- Textiles
- Printing
- Textiles/collage
- 3D form/sculpture
- Artists

Ideas and useful links to support Art and Design Technology at home!

Can you visit the Leeds Art Gallery Website and complete some of the activities for home?

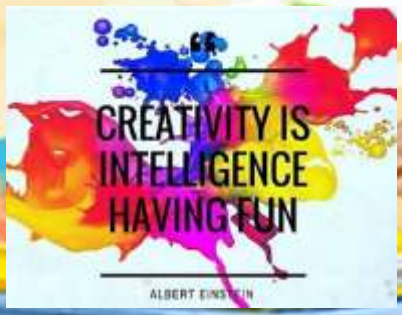
https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/virtual-visit/online-activities/activities-for-kids/

Can you make a magic key?

Can you print with fruit and vegetables?

Can you complete the Art Quest and find out about some famous Artists?

https://museumsandgalleries.leeds.gov.uk/leeds-art-gallery/see-do/leeds-art-gallery-art-quest/



Can you complete an activity on the Tate website?

https://www.tate.org.uk/kids

TATE KIDS

Can you draw a self portrait following the instructions below?

https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/stories/make-and-create-self-portraits

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

French Tradition: la Saint-Valentin

La Saint-Valentin or Valentine's Day has become a commercial celebration spread across Western Europe and today it revolves around the giving of cards and gifts to the one you love. But where does this tradition come from? Do the French celebrate it differently?
While this tradition began as a Christian liturgy festival, myths were added to this celebration of 14th February. Notably, the popular account of Saint Valentine of Rome who was imprisoned for conducting weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry became associated with February 14th. During his imprisonment he fell in love with the daughter of his jailer and before his execution left her a letter signed 'Your Valentine'. The tradition developed from there and the 14 February became the day of love that we know today.

In France, Valentine's day is only for people in love.
Le 14 février, c'est La Saint Valentin en France : la fête de l'amour et des amoureux.
February 14th is Valentine's day in France: the day for love and people who are in love. Unlike English cultures, Valentine's day in France is about those in relationships, not about loving friendship gestures.

Valentine's Day Traditions In France
Valentine's Day in France is celebrated a bit like it is in the rest of the world – chocolates, roses, jewels or a romantic restaurant or evening.. Sometimes a card, but much less than in English cultures and again, only for romantic interests.

French florists turnover what they would usually make in a week on Valentine's Day, with 80 percent of their sales being roses. There is in fact a village called St Valentin in Indre that is named after St Valentine himself. The village thus holds many events dedicated to this celebration of love on this amorous day including numerous marriage vow renewals. This year 'le village des amoureux' is hosting a spectacle including the presentation of certificates to lovers, a lunch and a concert, engraving hearts for the Tree of Hearts, and the sale of speciality chocolate and jewellery!

French Valentine's Day Vocabulary

1. L'amour – love
2. L'amitié – friendship
3. Je t'aime – I love you
4. Un petit-ami/ un petit-copain – a boyfriend
5. Une petite-amie / une petite-copine – a girlfriend
6. Joyeuse Saint Valentin – happy Valentine's day.

Tu veux être mon valentin / ma valentine? Would you be my valentine?

How to Become An Expert in Your Child's Online World in 6 weeks.
Please follow the link:
https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/

Safer Internet Day 2021 | UK Safer Internet Centre

NSPCC Website 'Share Aware' provides straight forward, no-nonsense advice that will untangle the web, and show parents how they can be just as great a parent online as offline. It includes a guide to social networking sites, a parents' guide and tips about how to talk to your child about staying safe online.

Tackling CSE is a priority for West Yorkshire Police and it is the responsibility of everyone to help spot the signs and say something.
For more information, visit www.southyorkshire.police.uk/uk/spotthesigns

St Joseph's supports and advocates 'Operation Encompass' Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools before the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been involved or exposed to a domestic abuse incident the previous evening. It enables children to arrive at school and have their needs met, by trained Child Protection staff, who have been informed of the child's 'experience.' National Domestic Violence 24hr free-phone hotline:

VLE Website www.wakefield.itslearning.com **Email**: admin@sjp.bkcat.co.uk **Tel: 01977 701493**
Website: www.sjp.bkcat.co.uk
Child Protection Officer– Mrs Velayudhan Tomlin- Head Teacher / Deputy Child Protection Officer: Mrs Jayne Clements –Learning Mentor (Should parents/carers have any child protection concerns they can ring 'Social Care Direct' on 01924 303 456)

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet day and we shared a newsletter from West Yorkshire Police (This is also available on our school website)

The UK Safer Internet Centre have created a range of resources to help you deliver sessions on Safer Internet Day, including a guide to using the resources, slides, activities, posters and assembly videos. Please take a look at their website—

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-work-young-people

Star Writer

Hanna L—UF

Bobbie G—Y1

Beau—Y4

Joseph H—Y5

Curriculum Star

Julia S—Y1

Alice A—Y1

Daniel—Y4

Caitlin—Y4

Jasper LW—Y5

Alyssa—Y6

Star Reader

Jorge W—UF

Nicole A—Y3

Star Mathematician

Michael M—UF

George—Y2

Alan S—Y3

Other Stars

Elliot—Y2

Amelia—Y2

Remote Learning Star

Liam—Y6

Sports Personality

Ellie—Y3

Statements to Live By

Leo W—Y5

Upper Foundation— Harry K, Harry W, Matilda, Lottie and Abby W

Year 1— Edward S and Ethan P

Year 2— Ella, Vivienne and Penny

Year 3— Ola and Raven

Year 4— Rosie, Isobel and Caitlin

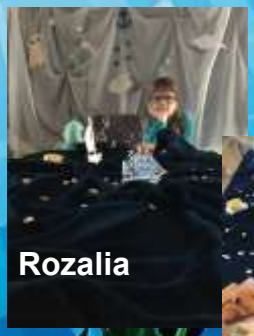
Year 5— Alice, Zach and Imogen

Year 6— William and Alyssa

James made an ocean scene featuring JT the Jellyfish!!

Isobel's turtle made out of recycled materials. A project to raise awareness of the ocean pollution .

Maksymilian's Octopuses



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