Spring 2 Week 1

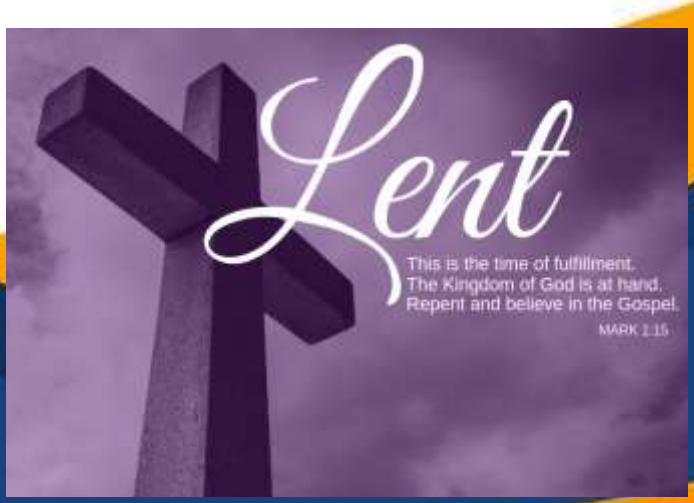
NEWSLETTER

"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

(Mark 9:2-10): The Transfiguration

Our Virtue to Live By is

During Lent we can try to give up something or try and do something extra. This is to help us strengthen our spirituality and bring us closer to God. Many of us may feel that we have given up a lot already so choosing something extra to do maybe a more meaningful option. What can YOU do that will benefit someone else or focus you more on God's presence?



St Joseph's

On **Thursday 4th March** whether your child is in school or at home we would like 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 via Groupcall.

https://www.worldbookday.com/

We wanted to draw attention to our RHE page on our website. This page includes parent consultation results, our RHE policy and RHE overview as well as other information.

https://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/curriculum/rhe

Number of Children not accessing Google Classrooms everyday this week.

Lower Foundation— Almost all Nursery children in school

Upper Foundation— 3 children

Year 1— 5 children

Year 2— 5 children

Year 3— 3 children

Year 4— 2 children

Year 5— 1 children

Year 6— 2 children

Whole School—21

Star Awards

Curriculum Star

Henry—Y2

Evie W—Y4

Zach Hickman—Y5

William—Y6

Star Writer

Freddie L—UF

Abby W—UF

Dylan B—UF

Olivia K—UF

Charlotte—Y2

Sienna L—Y3

Layla—Y4

Remote Learning Star

Jasmine A—Y1

Markuss—Y2

Charlie H—Y3

Delilah—Y4

Maria D—Y5

Max—Y6

This weeks Top Dojo Winners

UF—Lillie G, Freddie B and Jorge W

Y1—Julia S

Y2—Jack, Jodie and Alfie

Y3—Libby B and Erin G

Y4—Rosie, Caitlin and Isobel

Y5—Erin C, Sebastian A and Jasper LW

Y6—Liam and Kai

Science

@ St. Joseph's Pontefract!

At St. Joseph's we aim for all our pupils to develop their scientific knowledge and understanding through scientific enquiry and to foster an appreciation of the fact that Science is an integral part of our everyday lives. We encourage children to ask questions about the world around them and provide opportunities for them to use a range of equipment to carry out their own enquiries.

We support pupils so that they are able to:

- Develop a knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts such as living things, materials, forces and magnets, plants, rocks, light, sound etc.
- Plan, carry out and evaluate fair tests.
- Develop an ability to make predictions, record results and observations, identify patterns and draw conclusions.
- Make accurate measurements.
- Describe findings using scientific language.

British Science Week 2021

In the week beginning 8th March, we will be taking part in British Science Week! The theme for this year's Science Week is 'Innovating for the future'. Why not take part in the annual poster competition by designing a poster based around the 'Innovating for the future' theme?

Find out more at https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/

50 Things to do Before You're Five

Our younger learners may be interested in having a go at some of the science-themed activities in Wakefield Council's 50 Things to do Before You're Five programme. Visit the website to download the app or print off the poster.

Find out more at https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/sport-health-and-leisure/healthy-living/starting-well-0-5-years/50-things-to-do-before-5

Useful links to support Science at home!

https://www.stem.org.uk/remote-lessons#upcoming-lessons

Access a variety of free curriculum-linked science lessons created and recorded by subject experts for children of all ages.

https://www.ase.org.uk/ase-coronavirus-hub-primary-remote-learning-resources

Lessons for primary-aged pupils which are designed to be directly accessible to children and parents at home.

https://www.ogdentrust.com/coronavirus-home-learning-resources-hub

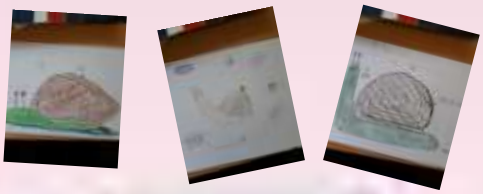
An extensive list of links and resources to support Science learning at home.

George and Henry B, African land snails Slimy and Tony.

Escargot Fun Facts: Escargot is an edible snail, especially one prepared as an appetizer or entree.

- The French consume 40,000 metric tons of snails each year.
- May 24th is National Escargot Day.
- Heliculture is the science of growing snails for food.
- Snails have been eaten as food since at least ancient Roman times. Apicius, the author of the oldest surviving cookbook (1st century B.C – 2 century A.D.) has a recipe for snails in his cookbook.
- Snails are almost blind, and they don't have any aural systems meaning that they can't hear anything.
- Like most molluscs, escargot is high in protein and low in fat content (if cooked without butter). It is estimated that escargot is 15% protein, 2.4% fat and about 80% water.

Even the lazy sloth and the lumbering tortoise have nothing on the snail's complete lack of speed. Some snails clock in at 0.0004 miles an hour.



Orlaith's cheery rainbow snail

At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Pontefract we are committed to the protection and safeguarding of all of our children.

Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs M Velayudhan Tomlin
Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs J Clements
Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs F Robinson
Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs E Everett
Designated Child Protection Officer: Mr B Sandbach

Please visit our safeguarding page on our school website. The page provides information as well as support for children's mental health and well-being.

https://www.stjosephspontefract.co.uk/home-1/safeguarding

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

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)