

# Nursery Newsletter

Learning Challenge:  
Where does the day go at night?

Dear Parents and Carers,

*As the New Year renews all the happiness and good tidings, hope the joyful spirit keeps glowing in your heart forever!  
Happy New Year!  
Welcome to 2019*

Let's pick up where we left off from 2018 and thrive to challenge ourselves!  
Together we work towards developing new skills, expanding our capabilities and deepening our knowledge  
The year holds so much promise and adventure!

## Days to Remember

School Assembly	Mondays/Fridays
Visits	Church TBC
Half term	Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February
Learning Challenge Event	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February



**ST. JOSEPH'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL  
LEARNING TO LOVE, LOVING TO LEARN

Class Teacher: Miss Rhianna

Class Support: Miss Christine & Miss Lily

## Special Notices

\*Please ensure your child is at school on time and in the correct school uniform. Nursery begins at 9am and children who are regularly coming in late are missing essential learning every day.

\*Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled and named.

### Values:

January: Hope

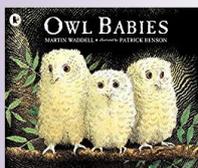
February: Appreciation

## Learning Challenge:

Our learning challenge curriculum enables all areas of learning to be taught through a topic/theme approach. This cross curricular approach is enquiry based, led by the children's thoughts and questions.

Each learning challenge starts with an overall question and is supported by weekly questions to help us meet a planned outcome.

Our Learning Challenge this Spring term 1 is: Where does the day go at night? Learning Objective: This is primarily focused on hearing lots of questions and to initiate deeper discussion at home and to listen to each other's ideas and opinions. Learning Approach: Exposing the children to 'I wonder' and 'What would happen if?' questions and to be encouraged to ask their own questions and make their own links.



## Pupil Zone



Please make sure your child is regularly using the Pupil Zone area of the school website with access to plenty fun games to help their learning as well as access to homework!

## Quick tips to support learning at home

- Helping your child to **complete and return all homework and Magical Learning Adventure.**
- Encouraging your child to **ask questions and with your support don't give them the answers, but help them to find them!**
- Read, question and discuss reading records books/vocabulary with your child for at least **20 mins every night.**
- If your child wants to play on the computer/iPad direct them to the **Pupil Zone on our website!**

## Growth Mindset

### Why do some people achieve their potential while others do not?

In school we have been focussing on the importance of our mindset. Our mental attitude can determine how we interpret and respond to situations.

We tell the children the brain is like a muscle that gets stronger and better the more it is exercised. This sends the message that intelligence can be learnt, and that we are not born 'intelligent'. But with hard work and persistence our brain makes new connections and we become smarter. We have been focussing on the power of the word 'yet'. When children find their work challenging their response is **'I can't do it yet!'**, knowing that if they keep trying, eventually, they will be able to feel that sense of achievement.

