



Saint Joseph's R.C. Primary P5 - 7 Term 1, 2024 - 2025



Writing: This term, we're diving into the world of descriptive writing, where pupils will bring their ideas to life with vivid imagery and creative use of figurative language. Following this, we'll delve into explanation writing, guiding pupils to uncover the reasons behind how and why things happen, turning their curiosity into clear and informative texts. We'll produce texts throughout the term based on our topics in Health & Wellbeing, Social Studies, and Science, while also enhancing our typing and computer literacy skills through digital technologies. Any extra practice with descriptive or explanation writing at home would be beneficial, but it's not an expectation!

Spelling: *(led by Mrs. Mann)*

Children will be given weekly word lists to master, with engaging activities to help them practice spelling patterns, as outlined in their spelling homework jotters. Spelling tests will be held every Friday, so be sure to check their jotters for all the details! Mark your calendars—Term 1's exciting rainbow spelling test is set for **13/09/24!**

Reading: We'll have regular reading sessions in class, complemented by homework. Our class novel this term is the inspiring *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio. Please encourage your child to read their book each night to help spark a lifelong love of independent reading!

Comprehension: We will use our class book to enhance our comprehension skills while applying our VIPERS skills: Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, and Retrieval, to analyse the text effectively.

Grammar: Each child will work at their level on Jolly Grammar based competencies.

Handwriting: *(led by Mrs. Mann)*

Children will practice their handwriting to enhance presentation and develop a continuous cursive style.

Numeracy & Maths

We're excited to dive into number work, focusing on building strong place value skills and exploring the world of 2D and 3D shapes. To keep the momentum going, we'll be setting fun, individual challenges on Sumdog each week to support and enhance your child's learning!

Big Maths - Weekly workshop will be on Tuesdays, helping us to become dab-hands at super-speedy recall of tables and number bond facts. We will also hold *CLIC Clinics* to use and apply core calculation skills. Please encourage your child to practice their Beat That key multiplication (and related division) facts at home each week. It really helps!

Rainbow Tables and Division/Mini Multipliers will be tested on **05/09/24**. Our times tables are so important for our calculations. There are number operation games available on Sumdog for your child to access both in school and at home using your child's login details.



French/ Spanish

Every morning, we practice our numbers, days of the week, months of the year, weather and time in French and Spanish.
French: We'll embark on an exciting journey recapping French numbers from 0-100 through a variety of fun activities!
Spanish: We'll focus on Spanish numbers from 0-31 with many engaging activities!

Expressive Arts

Art: *(led by Mrs. Copeland)*
This term, we'll concentrate on pencil and ink drawings, emphasising adding intricate details to our artwork. We'll connect our creations to our topics of study while embracing pupil choice!
Drama & Music: We will be studying the song 'Classroom Jazz!'
PE: We will focus on improving our fitness levels and developing our racquet skills for a fun and active term along with input from Active Schools.

Science

Our area of study is Biodiversity and Plants! This term, we will identify different types of plants and their basic needs, including the roles of flowering and non-flowering plants found in Scotland. We'll explore food chains and the roles of producers and consumers while designing our own wildlife areas to understand plant-animal interactions. Additionally, we'll investigate how plants benefit society and examine the effects of fertilisers on plant growth through hands-on experiments. Together, we'll deepen our understanding of the vital connections within ecosystems!

Health and Wellbeing

This term, we will explore relationships, bullying, and cyberbullying. We'll learn to recognise and express our emotions, manage feelings, and build positive friendships. We will discuss bullying behaviours, their impact, and ways to stand up against it while celebrating diversity and promoting

Religious Education

Our religious learning focuses on our connection to God, the importance of forgiveness, and Mary's significance in our faith. We will explore our God-given talents, the role of sacraments, and the value of service and prayer in building community. Through discussions and activities, we aim to deepen our appreciation for creation and recognise Mary's guidance in our lives.

Social Studies

In term 1 we will dive into Scottish local biodiversity! We will learn what biodiversity is and why it's vital for our ecosystems. We'll explore local flora and fauna through exciting outdoor activities and creative projects. We'll identify native Scottish mammals and birds, build feeders, and create wildflower seed bombs to enhance our wildlife garden. Finally, we'll become eco-warriors by understanding our environmental impact and collaborating on a "Sustainable Scotland Action Plan" to promote sustainability in our school!

Technologies: *(led by Miss Scott)*

This term, we'll refresh our computer basics, including logging in, sending/receiving emails, and mastering Word skills. We'll also create dynamic presentations using PowerPoint or SWAY. Our focus will be on developing digital skills and engaging in exciting coding activities throughout the term.