



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 6

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P 6 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
P6a Mrs Gray and P6b Ms Clark.

General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and all children have been able to access this platform confidently in computing lessons. All homework is now set on Google Classroom. If you need any support with this, please get in touch or access our school [website](#).

Curriculum Learning

STEM



'Forces and Motion' and 'Materials - Rocks and Soils' are our two key areas of focus. Children are developing note taking skills as they investigate through hands-on experiments and exploring scientific language such as, 'hypothesis', 'fair testing' and 'variables'. Most recently, they created a hypothesis when testing their Rocket Balloons and had to identify which material would cause the least friction, to allow their rocket to travel the greatest distance. Children used their mathematical skills to measure length and height as well as taking time to consider the ways in which they could make the experiment 'fair'. [A Parent's Guide to Introducing STEM at Home](#)

Literacy



In response to pupil voice and promoting Learner Agency in P6, the children selected Literacy World for their Reading and Comprehension lessons. In Writing, children are working towards creating a persuasive text using digital technologies to search and find supporting facts from credible sources. The P6 teachers are very proud of the effort and focus the children are displaying during their handwriting lessons. It is wonderful to see the children have high expectations for themselves in this - they are trying hard to be consistent with their handwriting in all areas across the curriculum.

Numeracy and Maths



The children have been focussing on Long Multiplication by tens and units. This has required them to retrieve knowledge of the multiplication facts. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#). We have applied this knowledge when consolidating 'inverse calculations' which require the children to have a rapid recall of both multiplication and division facts and how they are linked. The children used their mathematical knowledge and skills across the curriculum in both STEM and 'Flipped Learning' experiences where they used their knowledge of units of measure, shape, chance/uncertainty to be successful learners.

Health and Wellbeing



In our Daily Mile, we are focussing on developing our stamina and perseverance. We have been working with a running partner to support each other and provide opportunities to motivate and encourage our peers. Our PE focus has been football where we aim to develop ball handling skills including control, quick feet, change of direction and readiness to move, whilst keeping our head up for awareness. In Mental Health, we are learning practical strategies to support us with unhelpful thoughts. The children are taking part in a workshop with 'Headstrong' using drama and visualisation as a medium to explore and develop our emotional awareness and resilience.

Religious Education



We celebrated our P6 stage Mass on Monday 26th August where the children showed reverence while demonstrating our school and Gospel values during the preparation and the Mass itself. They are excited to embark upon their Pope Francis Faith Award (PFFA) this year! <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/pope-francis-faith-award-2/> P6 are enjoying being able to lead their learning through this and will record their work in their PFFA Journals. A number of children have already signed up to volunteer at Mass as a welcomer and as part of the offertory to support them in gaining the award. <https://sces.org.uk/faith-award/>

Modern Languages



Children have taken time to consolidate their knowledge and skills from P5 during French. They have been learning to ask and reply to everyday questions. Most recently, children have been learning how to describe their favourite hobbies and pastimes. [French: Hobbies - BBC Bitesize](#). This has included talking and listening in small groups and with partners.

Notes:

PE Days : P6a Tuesday, P6b Monday

ICT Days: P6a Monday, P6b Wednesday

Off Grid: *Children should arrive wearing clothing suitable for outdoors and all weathers.*

P6a Wednesday 11th September and Wednesday 13th November.

P6b Wednesday 18th September and Wednesday 20th November.

Archbishop Tartaglia Football Tournament: Sunday 22/9/24

Family Mass: 10am Sunday 06 October (St Joseph's Church)

Homework is allocated on a Monday on Google Classroom. All homework must be brought into school **on Friday**. If you have any queries or questions, please do get in touch.

We are excited for the Term ahead! Thank you for your engagement and continued support.

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