



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 5

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P 5 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs Morton, Mrs Williamson & Mrs Fry

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



This term we have a major focus in STEM. The children have been very engaged with their **Science** topics. These include **food chains and food webs**, and we are currently investigating bees with the intention that we will invite the Beekeepers in from St.Ninians. We are currently studying **forces**, in particular floating and sinking. Your child should have an understanding of buoyancy, density and shape and the impact this has on floating and sinking. We will then study magnetism, gravitational and electrostatic forces. Other key areas of focus will be **Light & Sound, Energy Conservation: Conservation Classroom**, We have begun a **STEM engineering challenge** of designing a hole for a crazy golf course. We would appreciate it if you have any cardboard or other materials that the children could use to build their project that could be sent in over the next week or two.

In **ICT** we will be focusing on coding with Micro:Bits and linking this to **Maths**, where we will be measuring temperatures. [A Parent's Guide to Introducing STEM at Home](#)

Literacy



In Reading we are focusing on responding to and asking questions about a text. We will be using a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts to support the development of our higher order thinking skills.

In Writing, we will be using the context of our STEM topic, Forces, to develop our note making skills. We will be promoting Learner Agency, allowing the children to choose which type of text they create with their notes, to demonstrate their learning.

Numeracy and Maths



Children have been focusing on rapid recall of the multiplication tables and how they link to division. We have been using Number Talks and the Numeracy Blueprints to focus on mental strategies for addition & subtraction. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

Maths Week Scotland runs from 23rd - 29th September. The theme will be *Maths Tales*, looking at how Maths is used to tell stories. Check out the Maths Week website: <https://www.mathsweek.scot/> If you would like to come in and talk to P5 about any maths skills you use in your job, we would love to have you!

Health and Wellbeing



This term we have a focus on Emotional health. The children are working through the 'I Can...' programme which helps them recognise when they feel nervous and then noticing what happens to their bodies. We are developing skills to help change 'negative' thoughts into 'powerful' thoughts and how to use these when we are in challenging situations or we feel worried. We will be exploring positive role models and support networks we have at school and at home.

In PE, we are developing our skills in rebound games, such as football, golf, basketball & hockey. In our Daily Mile we are focussing on developing our stamina and perseverance.

Religious Education



P5 have celebrated their stage Mass which took place on Friday 6th September. The children showed reverence while demonstrating our school and Gospel values during the preparation and the Mass itself. In our R.E. curriculum, we have been exploring Jesus' role as King, Prophet and Priest. This term, we will also be learning about Christian Imagery, looking at examples of carvings on Celtic crosses and Pictish stones and reflecting upon their strong links with the natural world. We will read from the Book of Genesis and we will study Psalm 148: the Canticle of Creation, giving thanks to God for the Mystery of Creation.

Modern Languages



Children have taken time to consolidate their knowledge and skills from P4 during French. They have revised greetings, colours and numbers up to 30. Our focus this term is to further our knowledge of numbers up to 50 and also to begin to describe our various likes and dislikes. [French: Numbers & Numeracy - BBC Bitesize.](#)

Notes:

PE days: P5a - Friday P5b- Tuesday *Please ensure that children have their P.E. kits on P.E. days.*

Offgrid: P5a Wednesday 25th September P5b Wednesday 2nd October.

Library: Monday afternoons.

Halloween Disco: Thursday 24th October 7:00-8:15pm **Halloween Spooktacular:** Friday 25th October
Children can come to school in costume!

Winter Wonderland: Thursday 19th December