



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 3

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P 3 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Miss Muirhead P3a and Mrs O'Shea P3b

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



'Our Senses' and 'Forces' are our two main focus areas this term in STEM and the children have really enjoyed creating 'I wonder' questions to direct their learning. We have been exploring friction by using our predicting skills before we conduct experiments. We have also been learning about magnets and testing things around the classroom to see if they are magnetic. We have been learning about how we use our senses and how each of them work to help us in our everyday lives. We have also created some really cool optical illusions to trick our brains! The children have also enjoyed exploring the different resources in the STEM room, and will be looking more closely at woodworking and sewing.

Literacy



In Literacy we are developing our knowledge of spelling using the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week we focus on a new spelling rule and have the opportunity to practice words with these rules in class and at home. The children have been using diacritical marking to support their understanding in spelling. Term 1 common and tricky words have been sent home. Please continue to practice reading and then writing these words, which can be kept safely at home.

Numeracy and Maths



We are continuing to develop our skills in mental maths during Number Talks, where we have been learning different strategies to solve calculations. We are focussing on different mathematical language for example plus, add, altogether, minus, subtract.

In Maths we are building on our knowledge of 3D objects and learning about the different properties. We will also be exploring money and time using digital and analogue clocks. Please help us at home by showing us some different coins.

Here are some useful maths websites with games: [Top Marks Website](#) [Snappy Maths](#)

Health and Wellbeing



In P3 we love being active and moving our bodies! In PE lessons (**P3a - Tuesday and P3b - Wednesday**), we are developing our passing and retrieval skills when playing team games using balls, bats and hockey sticks. In our Daily Mile we are focussing on developing our stamina and perseverance by setting targets and challenging ourselves to beat them. Our Term 1 focus for Health and Wellbeing is mental health and emotions. We will be looking at how our emotions differ and strategies for managing challenging emotions, in particular anger. We are continuing to use our 'Cool in School' strategies for solving minor disagreements.

Religious Education



We celebrated our stage mass on Tuesday 3rd September where the children showed reverence and gratitude for the year ahead. We have also explored the school's Gospel values and how we can enact them in our everyday lives. We are going to be learning about the ten commandments and what they mean to us, and we will be sharing how we are living by God's example.

Modern Languages



This term we are revising our numbers to 20 and days of the week in French. We will learn vocabulary for different family members and how to say where we live. European Day of Languages (EDL) is on Thursday 26th September - if you can speak another language and would like to share this with P3, please get in touch!

Notes:

Please remember to come to school with a full water bottle and homework folder every day. All homework must be brought into school on Friday so that reading books can be collected and new homework can be given out.

Any questions please use the communication diary in the homework folder.

Additional information:

<u>PE</u>	<u>ICT</u>	<u>Off-Grid</u>
P3a- Tuesday	P3a- Thursday	P3a - Friday 13th September & Friday 8th November
P3b- Wednesday	P3b- Tuesday	P3b - Friday 20th September & Friday 15th November
		<i>Children come in wearing clothing suitable for outdoors and all weathers with their full uniform in their bag to change into when we get back to school.</i>

The children have been allocated a committee for primary 3 so that they are able to participate and contribute within the school. We have already had our first committee meeting so hopefully they have been able to tell you all about what's been happening!

Halloween Disco: Thursday 24th October 5:30-6:45pm

Halloween Spooktacular: Friday 25th October. Children come to school in costume

Winter Wonderland - Thursday 19th December

We are loving primary 3 so far and are looking forward to the term ahead.

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