



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 4

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P 4 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Miss Harvey and Mrs. Redmond

General



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

Curriculum Learning

STEM



This term we have a focus on STEM subjects. In Science, we are developing our skills in identifying and classifying living things, focusing on 'Minibeasts', to help appreciate their diversity. We are also investigating 'Changing States,' So far, we have been identifying properties of solids, liquids and gasses. Our next step is to investigate and observe changes from one state to another e.g. ice melting, water boiling to become steam. You could help by encouraging your child to notice these changes in everyday situations.

Literacy



In Literacy this term, we have been focusing on instructional writing. We have looked at various types of instructions (including recipes, games and craft instructions) to identify their features and use in our own writing. In Reading, we will be reading informational texts, using features of the text (including contents, index pages and glossaries) to help us locate information. You could help by encouraging your child to select a non-fiction book from the library, perhaps on the subject of minibeasts, so that they can search for information.

Numeracy and Maths



In mental maths we are using Number Talks to help us use different strategies to solve problems. We love to share our strategies with our peers. Ask your child to share some of the strategies they have been learning. We are continuing to improve our rapid recall of multiplication facts and use the Top Marks - 'Hit the button' website to challenge ourselves.

Health and Wellbeing



We have been working on building resilience using 'Cool in School' strategies. Children have been developing their awareness of how they can assert themselves in challenging situations by talking calmly and using confident body language. We are enjoying role-playing different situations to practice our skills. Please ask your child to talk to you about their 'Cool in School' strategies. In PE, we are developing our skills in football and hockey. Please ensure that children have their P.E. kits on P.E. days. This is Monday for P4b and Thursday for P4a.

Religious Education



This term P4 have a class retreat followed by Mass on Tuesday 24th September. We are very grateful to Canon Stephen for this. In our R.E. curriculum, we have been discussing freewill and how we can make good choices. We are exploring stories from the Gospel where Jesus showed love and compassion as He healed and helped others.



This term we will continue to learn classroom instructions and familiar vocabulary for conversations including the day and month, the weather and numbers from 0-40. We have been learning vocabulary for family and will learn vocabulary for Months of the Year and birthdays. We love using <https://wordwall.net/en-gb/community/french/family> activities to practice our new vocabulary.

Notes:

Please remind children to bring a sharp pencil, a rubber and ruler to school every day. Children should also bring their water bottle and snack into class.

Homework should be returned on Fridays, unless a longer date has been allocated, as advised on Google Classroom.

P4 have access to the MUGA to play games on Tuesday. They are allowed on the adventure trail on Mondays.

Each child has been allocated a committee to enable our learners to have an active part in how our school runs. Hopefully your child has told you about their first committee meeting.

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

Halloween Spooktacular: Friday 25th October *Children can come to school in costume!*

Winter Wonderland: Thursday 19th December

- [Twitter Link](#)