



# St Joseph's Primary

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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## Primary 2

### Term 1

Dear Parent/ Guardian,  
Welcome to our first P2 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

*Miss Ross and Mrs Williamson (P2a)*  
*Mrs Downs and Mrs McLaughlin (P2b)*

### General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and all children have been able to access this platform 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 are learning about topics such as The Human Body, States of Water and Space. P2 are leading their own learning by asking some 'big questions' and have chosen to create a 'medical centre' as their role play area. Thank you to all of the families who donated resources for this. We also have two parents, Mrs Wright and Mr MacDonald, who will visit P2 to talk about being doctors and working in a real life medical setting.

### Literacy



In Literacy, we are developing our knowledge of phonics 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. Term 1 common words have been sent home and tricky words will be sent home shortly. Please continue to practice reading and then writing these words, which can be kept safely at home. In Writing, we are linking skills taught through the Jolly Grammar Programme and are using our STEM topics and Storytelling stories as a stimulus for writing. Our first Storytelling story we are exploring in class is 'The Talkative Turtle', please ask us about this at home!

### Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy we are continuing to develop addition and subtraction within 20 and beyond. We are focusing on rapid recall of number bonds and are enjoying playing games such as '[Hit the Button](#)' to set new targets for ourselves.

In Maths we are building on our knowledge of 2D shapes by learning about more complex shapes such as hexagons and octagons as well as continuing and creating repeating 2D shape patterns using resources in class and outdoors. This term we will also explore Fractions and Time.

### Health and Wellbeing



In P2 we love being active! In PE lessons (**P2a - Thursday and P2b - Friday**), we are developing our passing and retrieval skills when playing team games using balls, bats and beanbags. We also continue to enjoy our weekly Muddy Movers afternoons on **Tuesdays** and will be developing gross motor skills, teamwork and problem solving. With our Term 1 focus on Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, we will continue to use the '[Cool in School](#)' programme to discuss feelings as well as continuing to explore the 'Zones of Regulation' which we refer to in our daily emotional check ins.

### Religious Education



We celebrated our P2 Stage Mass on Tuesday 3rd September and the children prepared their readings, prayers and hymns for our special service. We will continue to learn more about Mary during the month of October. Later in the term, we will begin preparing for our second Nativity Show which will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 2pm.



This term we are revising our introductions, numbers and colours in French. We will learn vocabulary for different foods and will be learning how to say what we like and dislike. European Day of Languages (EDL) is on Thursday 26th September - if you can speak another language and would like to share this with P2, please get in touch!

**Notes:**

Please remember to come to school with a 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.

**Dates for the Diary:**

**Off-Grid P2a** - Friday 6th September & Friday 22nd November

**Off-Grid P2b** - Wednesday 9th October & Friday 6th December

*(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.)*

**Halloween Howl** - Friday 25th October - children can come to school in costume.

**Parents Night** - Wednesday 30th October

**P2 Nativity** - Wednesday 4th December at 2pm

**Winter Wonderland** - Thursday 19th December

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