



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 6

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our second P6 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
P6a Mrs Gray and P6b Ms Clark.

General



Children continue to access **Google Classroom** and use this platform confidently in computing lessons. All homework is set on Google Classroom. If you need any support with this, please get in touch or access our school [website](#).

Curriculum Learning

Social Studies



This term we have a focus on **Social Studies**. P6 pupils are learning all about **China**, in particular, 'people, past events and societies'. Our exploration this term will centre on the rich and diverse history of the country. Children will engage in a variety of learning activities designed to deepen their understanding of China's cultural heritage. We will explore themes such as The Dynasties and The Terracotta Army and how they shaped Chinese history and society. We will examine key landmarks, historical and contemporary art, Chinese writing, language and Chinese New Year. [1st level Mandarin - BBC Bitesize](#). By engaging with these areas, we aim to enhance pupils' global awareness and encourage them, through inquiry, to draw connections between China and their own experiences here in Scotland.

Literacy



We have begun our class novel 'Journey to Jo'burg' <https://beverleyraido.com/journey-to-joburg/> and following on from last term in promoting **Learner Agency** in P6, the children have selected their own themes to write about a setting. For Reading and Comprehension, both classes have been highly engaged with the novel which has provided mature, rich discussions. It has also provided them with the opportunity to link their learning to the UNCRC rights of a child. The children continue to focus on transferring their handwriting skills across all areas of literacy and the curriculum.

Numeracy and Maths



The children are continuing to strengthen their **rapid recall** of both multiplication and division facts and how they are linked. This has allowed them to be successful in calculating 'inverse operations' and completing algebraic equations using the method line. Again, this knowledge has been essential in allowing the children to quickly identify factors and multiples. Through **Number Talks**, P6 will continue to develop their abilities in articulating their learning and use of maths processes to their peers, explaining which process was most effective for them.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/curriculum/numeracy-and-maths/>

Health and Wellbeing



This term, the children are working on the [NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#) which focuses on nutrition, physical activity, sustainability/food waste and body image, self esteem and the media. We are developing skills to identify the 5 components of the EatWell Guide in the foods and dishes that we eat. As well as this, we will consider composite dishes and the ways in which we can substitute certain food groups for healthier options. In PE, we are developing our skills in netball and athletics. We also look forward to learning some new skills in a taster block of Gaelic Football with a coach from [Tir Conaill Harps](#). In our Daily Mile we are continuing to focus on developing our stamina and perseverance. This includes ensuring we are focussing on our own achievements and challenging ourselves with our personal targets.

Religious Education



The children have been learning about the first gathering point within their Pope Francis Faith Award (PFFA), 'Knowledge'. As part of the award the children are invited to share their Gift at school, at home or in their church and share their experiences and reflections with the stage. This will then be recorded in their journals and provide evidence of their contributions over the course of this academic year and next. [Pope Francis Faith Award | St Joseph's Primary School](#)
Mrs Gray and Ms Clark are delighted to see many of the children continue to volunteer at Mass as a welcomer and as part of the offertory to support them in gaining the award. [Pope Francis Faith Award | Scottish Catholic Education Service | SCES](#)

Modern Languages



In French, children have continued to develop their talking and listening skills. Children have been learning vocabulary for a wide range of sports and pastimes. This has provided a rich opportunity for the children to develop their written French skills. [Hobbies - 2nd level French - BBC Bitesize](#)
Looking forward to the rest of the term, children will also look at famous French sports teams and stars, considering how French attitudes to sport compare to ours.

Notes:

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

P6a Wednesday 8th January and Friday 28th February.

P6b Friday 10th January and Wednesday 5th March.



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.

- Please log in to view our regular learning posts here [Twitter Link](#)
- *Learners also track their learning through their **Profile**, and are encouraged to share this with you at home!*