

St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 5

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our second P5 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs Morton, Mrs Williamson & Mrs Fry

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, our major focus will be on **Social Studies**. P5 focuses on **Italy**, in particular 'people, past events and societies'. Our exploration this term will centre on the rich and diverse history of Italy. Throughout this term, students will engage in a variety of learning activities designed to deepen their understanding of Italy's cultural heritage. We will explore Ancient Rome and The Roman People and how they shaped Italian history and society. We will examine key landmarks, historical and contemporary Art and investigate the various inventors who have created and changed the Italian landscape. By engaging with these areas, we aim to enhance our pupils' global awareness and encourage them to draw connections between Italy and their own experiences here in Scotland. [The Romans - BBC Bitesize](#)

Literacy



This term, we will be focusing on reading "The BFG", by Roald Dahl. Children will continue to develop the skills of answering and creating Higher Order Thinking Skills questions, in order to deepen their understanding of the text and develop critical thinking.

In writing this term, we will be using the context of The BFG, and our Social Studies topic. We will be learning to create setting descriptions using our senses, thinking about how vocabulary choice can enhance our writing. We will also engage in some persuasive writing, such as application letters for joining the Roman army, focusing on the differences between formal and informal tone. [How to Create Setting - BBC Bitesize](#)

Numeracy and Maths



Children have been focusing on rapid recall of the multiplication tables and how they link to division. This term, we will be using Number Talks and the Numeracy Blueprints to focus on various mental strategies to support multiplication and division. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#). In maths and numeracy this term Primary 5 will focus on building core skills while developing critical 21st century skills competencies such as problem solving, reasoning and collaborative learning. We will explore key areas including number concepts, measurement, and data handling with the opportunities to apply these to real-world context.

Health and Wellbeing



In PE, we will be focusing on Netball, Social dance and gymnastics, developing our skills, such as: balance, hand eye coordination, rhythm and routine. Pupils will continue to build on previously taught skills. They will be encouraged to coach and mentor each other, analysing performances and giving constructive feedback while improving teamwork and confidence. In our Daily Mile we are focussing on developing our stamina and perseverance to live a healthy lifestyle.

In Health & Wellbeing, children will focus on understanding the importance of making healthy choices to support a balanced lifestyle. Using the Eatwell guide, we will explore the different food groups, learning what makes up a healthy balanced diet and how the body benefits from nutrients, helping them to make informed decisions about snacks and meals. [NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#)

If you have any suggestions or ways you could support our focus this term please get in touch - we would love to hear your ideas.

Religious Education



In our R.E. curriculum, we have begun exploring Other World Religions, in particular Judaism. We will explore key aspects of Jewish tradition, beliefs and practices while fostering a connection with a local Jewish school to enrich our learning experience. Children will study the Ten Commandments and reflect on how they shape our conscience and moral choices. Children will also engage with scripture related to Abraham, Prophets and kings throughout the old Testament, and their significance in our faith. As we approach Lent, we will prepare as a class, school and community through prayer, reflection and fasting.

Modern Languages



Our main focus in French this term will be using descriptive language to talk about ourselves. We will learn how to describe hair, eyes and clothing. We will also continue to consolidate our knowledge of numbers up to 50 and to describe our various likes and dislikes. [French: Describing Clothing - BBC Bitesize](#).

Notes:

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

Offgrid: P5a Friday 14th March 2025 P5b Wednesday 19th March

Library: Monday afternoons.

Uniform: Children should wear their full school uniform/PE kit with school jacket/blazer. [Dressing for Excellence](#)

