



# St Joseph's Primary

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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## Primary 3

### Term 2

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our second Primary 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 set on Google Classroom every Monday. If you need any support with this, please get in touch or access our school [website](#).

## Curriculum Learning

### Social Studies



This term our focus will be **Egypt!** The children will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, from the pyramids, to the Pharaohs, to the River Nile! We will be researching and learning about the famous rulers of Ancient Egypt and how they were discovered. The children will also be exploring, during their geography lessons, the climate and the diet of modern day Egypt. We will be comparing their lives to ours here in Scotland. If you feel you would be able to contribute to our Egyptian topic in any way, please contact us or get in touch via the school office.

### Literacy



In Literacy we are continuing to develop our knowledge of spelling using the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week we focus on a new spelling rule and have the opportunity to revise words with these rules in class and at home. The children have been using diacritical marking and syllables to support their understanding in spelling.

Term 2 common and tricky words have been sent home. Please continue to practise reading and then writing these words at home.

We have also been practising the skill of scanning a text for information. We have been using a highlighter to select the answers in comprehension. The children have been enjoying learning about different types of questions, and had a go at creating their own comprehension questions.

### Numeracy and Maths



We are continuing to develop our skills in mental maths during Number Talks and by using the Numeracy Blueprints. The children have been learning different strategies to solve calculations. We are focussing on strategies for subtraction this term. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

In Topic Maths we will be exploring measuring, specifically capacity. We will then be applying our knowledge to solve problems involving length, weight and capacity through practical tasks.

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

## Health and Wellbeing



This term's focus during PE is Gymnastics. We have been learning about different rolls and shapes we can do with our bodies. We have been challenging ourselves to hold our balances and hopefully we will see an improvement at the end of the term. We are starting to combine our rolls and shapes into a routine with a partner.

In our Daily Mile we are continuing to focus on developing our stamina and perseverance by setting targets and challenging ourselves to beat them.

Our Term 2 focus for Health and Wellbeing is healthy eating. We will be exploring the Eatwell guide and how healthy food can impact our body. We will be researching healthy foods and creating menus and recipes. [NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#)

## Religious Education



We have been continuing to explore the school's Gospel values and how we can enact them in our everyday lives.

We have been learning about forgiveness and how Jesus calls us to forgive. We have explored different situations where we have had to forgive and also where we have had to be forgiven. As we approach Lent, we will prepare as a class, school and community through prayer, reflection and fasting.

## Modern Languages



This term we are learning months of the year and daily routines in French.

[YouTube: Les mois de l'année - alain le lait \(French months of the year\)](#)

We will continue to learn vocabulary for different instructions in the classroom.

## 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.

If you have any questions please use the communication diary in the homework folder.

### Additional information:

PE	ICT	Off-Grid
P3a- Tuesday P3b- Wednesday	P3a- Thursday P3b- Tuesday	<b>P3a - Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February and Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>P3b - Wed 26<sup>th</sup> February and Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>

**Off Grid:** 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.

[Outdoor Learning | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

We are very excited about our learning in the term ahead. Thank you for all of your continued support.

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