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St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 7

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P7 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Miss Fusaro (P7a) and Ms Clark (P7b)

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 now set on Google Classroom. If you need any support with this, please get in touch or access our school [website](#).

Curriculum Learning

STEM



Term 1 has a STEM focus: Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths. We look forward to learning about the Science topic of **Genetics**. We will also be looking at this through the lens of Learning for Sustainability. In Technology, we plan to explore DNA by making structural models. [What is inheritance? - BBC Bitesize](#). We will also be completing experiments and participating in national online STEM events.

Literacy



This term, we are studying the novel 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. ([Wonder | BookTrust](#)) and exploring themes such as inclusion/ discrimination. Our learning from the novel also links with our Health and Wellbeing and STEM lessons. In Grammar, we will be exploring homophones (words that sound the same but are spelt differently), parts of speech, definite and indefinite articles (*a*, *an* or *the*), and parenthesis.

Numeracy and Maths



This term, we are expanding our knowledge of Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, long multiplication and long division. Please encourage your child to try different strategies when tackling these calculations. For Mental Maths, please encourage your child to use Number Talks strategies such as open number lines or partitioning when completing Mental Maths calculations. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

Health and Wellbeing



With our term 1 focus on Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, P7 will explore feelings and emotions and will discover things about other people's feelings and emotions. We will also find out about mental health and what it can be like to be a target of stigma or discrimination. We will work on our Physical Health through The Daily Mile and will develop skills in Football, Golf, and Hockey.

Religious Education



As candidates for Confirmation, we will be learning about the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit and will be required to make regular entries in our PFFA Journals, as we did for homework in Primary 6, to reflect on how we are using them at home, at school and in our Parish. [Sacramental Information | St Joseph's Primary School](#)



A great site to help your child hear vocabulary and practise speaking is [French lessons](#). It also supports the reading and writing of key phrases such as 'Je joue...' and 'Je fais.....' for our term 1 focus on 'Sports'. European Day of Languages (EDL) is 26/9/25 - if *you* can speak another language and would like to share your knowledge with P7, please get in touch!

Notes:

Equipment: *P7 are often on the move with their learning experiences - please ensure your child comes equipped with the basics of pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener in a pencil case each day.*

Uniform: *P7 Pupils set examples to all other stages.. We will be out of school on numerous occasions so children should wear their full school uniform/PE kit with school jacket/blazer. [Dressing for Excellence](#)*

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 28th August 3:15-4pm

Archbishop Tartaglia Football Tournament - Friday 19th September

Vocations Mass - Wednesday 10 September (pupils only) St Mirin's Cathedral

P7 Spiritual retreat & stage Mass - Wednesday 01 October (pupils only)

Halloween Howl - Friday 31st October - children can come to school in costume.

Parents' Night - Thursday 6th November

P7 Advent Assembly - Tuesday 16th December

Winter Wonderland - Wednesday 17th December

OffGrid - *If you can give up your time to help us at OffGrid at one or all of the dates below, it would be very much appreciated.*

P7a - Friday 22nd August, Tuesday 21st October

P7b - Friday 29th August, Friday 12th December

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