

St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 3

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P3 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs Williamson (P3a) and Mrs Goold (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 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, our two main focus areas in STEM are '**Our Senses**' and '**Forces**', and the children have really enjoyed creating 'I wonder' questions to guide their learning. In Forces, we have been exploring **friction**, using our predicting skills before conducting experiments. We will also be learning about **magnets**, testing different objects around the classroom to see which are magnetic.

In Our Senses, we have been discovering how each of our senses works and how they help us in everyday life. They have loved exploring the various resources in the STEM room and will soon be focusing on **woodworking and sewing**, building their skills and creativity even further

Literacy



This term in Literacy, we are enjoying developing our spelling skills through the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week, we explore a new spelling rule and practise exciting words in class and at home. The children have been using **diacritical marking**—small symbols added to letters—to help them understand spelling patterns and remember tricky sounds. Term 1 common and tricky words have been sent home, and we encourage you to keep practising reading and writing them together.

Numeracy and Maths



We are continuing to develop our mental maths skills during Number Talks, where the children are learning different strategies to solve calculations. We are focusing on mathematical vocabulary such as *plus*, *add*, *altogether*, *find the difference*, *minus*, and *subtract*. In class, we are building on our knowledge of 3D objects and exploring their different properties. We will also be learning about money and time, using both digital and analogue clocks. You can support your child at home by practising with different coins and discussing the value of money in everyday situations.

Health and Wellbeing



In P3, we love being active and moving our bodies! In PE lessons (**P3a – Thursday, P3b – Friday**), we are developing our passing and retrieval skills in team games using balls, bats, and hockey sticks. During our Daily Mile, we are working on stamina and perseverance by setting personal targets and challenging ourselves to achieve them. Our Term 1 focus for Health and Wellbeing is mental health and emotions. We will be learning about different emotions and strategies for managing challenging feelings, especially anger. We are also continuing to use our 'Cool in School' strategies to solve minor disagreements and promote positive friendships.

Religious Education



On **Friday 19th September**, we will be celebrating our stage Mass, showing reverence and gratitude for the year ahead. This term, we are exploring our school values and thinking about how we can put them into action in our daily lives. We will also be learning about the Ten Commandments and reflecting on what they mean for us today. The children will have opportunities to share examples of how they are following God's example and developing confidence in talking about their faith.

Modern Languages



This term, we are revising numbers to 20 and practising the days of the week through games, songs and activities. We will learn new words for family members and practise asking and answering simple questions about our families. We will also learn how to say where we live, building confidence in speaking and listening in French.

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.

Any questions please use the communication diary in the homework folder.

Additional information:

The children have been allocated a committee for primary 3 so that they are able to participate and contribute within the school. We have already had our first committee meeting so hopefully they have been able to tell you all about what's been happening!

PE	ICT	Off=Grid
P3a- Thursday P3b- Friday	P3a- Tuesday P3b- Thursday	P3a - Tuesday 16th September & Tuesday 25th November P3b - Tuesday 23rd September & Friday 24th October <i>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.</i>

Dates for the Diary:

Meet the Teacher: *Thursday 28th August 3:15pm*

Halloween Spooktacular: *Friday 31st October - children can come to school in costume.*

Parents Night: *Thursday 6th November*

P3 Nativity: *Monday 15th December 2pm*

Winter Wonderland: *Wednesday 17th December*

We are loving primary 3 so far and are looking forward to the term ahead.