

St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



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Primary 2

Term 1

Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P2 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Miss Gruner(P2a)

Miss Byrne and Mrs Parsons (P2b)

General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and all children have been able to access this platform 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, we are exploring subjects including The Human Body, Our Environment, and Space. P2 are leading their own learning by asking some 'big questions' to shape our STEM topics this term. We will be deepening our understanding of all things STEM through a class trip to the Science Centre. If there are any parents who have a level of expertise in any of the above areas and would be willing to come in to present to the class, please get in touch.

Literacy



In Literacy, we are developing our knowledge of phonics using the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week we focus on a new spelling rule and have the opportunity to practice words with these rules in class and at home. Term 1 common and tricky words have been sent home, please continue to practice reading and then writing these words, through games such as snap, pairs and even hide and seek. In Writing, we are building upon our knowledge of 'Drawing Club' by entering the world of 'Curious Quests', meeting new characters and developing our independence in writing, as well as, our confidence in talking and listening. Our first Storytelling story this term is 'The Freedom, Bird', please ask your child about this at home!

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy we are continuing to develop addition and subtraction within 20 and beyond. We are focusing on rapid recall of number bonds and are enjoying playing games such as '[Hit the Button](#)' to set new targets for ourselves.

In Maths we are building on our knowledge of 2D shapes by learning about more complex shapes such as hexagons and octagons as well as continuing and creating repeating 2D shape patterns using resources in class and outdoors. We will also be exploring 3D objects, learning to identify how many faces, edges and vertices they have. This term we will also explore Fractions and Time.

Health and Wellbeing



In P2 we love being active! Our P.E lessons will take place on **Wednesdays**. We are developing our passing and retrieval skills when playing team games using balls, bats and beanbags. We also continue to enjoy our weekly Muddy Movers afternoons on **Tuesdays** and will be developing gross motor skills, teamwork and problem solving. With our Term 1 focus on Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, we will continue to use the '[Cool in School](#)' programme to discuss feelings as well as continuing to explore the 'Zones of Regulation' which we refer to in our daily emotional check ins.

Religious Education



We will celebrate our P2 Stage Mass on Tuesday 16th September and the children will prepare readings, prayers and hymns for our special service. We will continue to learn more about Mary during the month of October. Later in the term, we will begin preparing for our second Nativity Show which will be held on Wednesday 3rd December at 2pm.

Modern Languages



This term we are revising our introductions, numbers and colours in French. We will learn vocabulary for different foods and will be learning how to say what we like and dislike. European Day of Languages (EDL) is on Friday 26th September - if you can speak another language and would like to share this with P2, please get in touch!

Notes:

Please remember to come to school with a water bottle and homework folder every day. All homework must be brought into school on Friday so that diaries can be checked, reading books can be collected and new homework can be given out. If there are any questions please leave a note in the homework diary, which are checked every Friday.

Dates for the Diary:

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

Off-Grid P2a - Friday 19th September & Friday 14th November

Off-Grid P2b - Friday 3rd October & Friday 5th December

(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.)

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

Parents Night - Thursday 6th November

P2 Nativity - Wednesday 3rd December at 2pm

Winter Wonderland: *Wednesday 17th December*

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