



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 1

Term 2

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our second Primary 1 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs O'Shea P1a and Miss Palmer P1b

General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and are beginning to log on independently to 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

Social Studies



This term our focus in Primary 1 is **Scotland**, drawing on themes within **people, place and environment**. We have asked the children what they want to learn about to help create “Big Questions” for the topic. Each lesson focuses on addressing these Big Questions including geography, food, music, landmarks and famous people. We will be celebrating Rabbie Burns Day in class and will use some Scottish poetry as our literacy focus as well.

We hope by the end of this topic to develop the children’s understanding of the history, heritage and culture of Scotland. If you feel you would be able to contribute to our Scotland topic with a visit or resources (Scottish items/books) please contact us or get in touch via the school office.

Literacy



Building on the children’s phonic knowledge in Term 1, we are now focussing on blending CVC and CVCC words. The children have also begun learning about digraphs (two letters that represent a single sound). There will be a new set of **Term 2 Common and Tricky words** sent home throughout the term which we would ask the children to continue to learn to read and write.

Our Drawing Club lessons have been met with great enthusiasm from our children with the majority of the year group creating and writing their own sentences! We also complete a News writing target independently on Monday. It would be helpful to discuss with your child what they did at the weekend and what they will write about in the News. We would greatly encourage the children to practise **free-writing at home**.

We are continuing to explore fiction and non-fiction books as part of our reading programme. Each stage has a set of sight words. **Sight words** are words which do not follow a specific rule or pattern therefore our children are taught to identify them at a glance through repetition and word games which we continue to encourage as part of their homework.

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy, our main topics include [addition](#) and [subtraction](#). We are encouraging the children to have knowledge of the different language linked to both topics. Additionally, we are exploring a variety of approaches including using a number line, counting on and counting back. We are also exploring numbers 11-20 ([writing](#), [ordering](#), [missing number](#), [before, after and in-between](#)).

Primary 1 have been enjoying using Number Talks strategies and the Numeracy Blueprints to help improve their mental maths and problem solving approaches.

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During our Maths time, we are using a variety of playful approaches to explore fractions, measuring length, capacity and weight, as well as, data analysis using tally marks and pictograms which we will also link to our Scotland topic.

Health and Wellbeing



Our P.E. focus this term is gymnastics and we know we have lots of children who attend gymnastics clubs! We are using our bodies to create different gymnastics shapes, jumps, rolls and sequences. We will continue to reflect on our Term 1 “**Cool in School**” strategies to help us make safe choices in the classroom and playground.

During our **food health** lessons, we are linking some of the learning to our Scotland topic including food tasting, making shortbread and learning about what food is produced in Scotland. We are also exploring the **Eatwell Guide**, identifying the different types of food that should be on our plate to achieve a healthy, balanced diet. **Your Body Matters** is another focus this term, that we are learning alongside the **Eatwell Guide**, how our body grows and what it needs to do this. [NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#)

Religious Education



The Primary 1 children can confidently say their school prayers, including the Hail Mary. This Term we are focusing on **The Parts of the Church** and learning that of all of the days, Sunday is a special day as we attend Mass. We will explore different faiths at the start of February. If you follow a different religion and would like to come into P1 to explore it with the children, please get in touch. We will deepen our understanding of **Lent** as preparation for **Easter**.

Modern Languages



This term Primary 1 are going to be learning to recognise and name some food items in French. They will continue to learn how to talk about themselves in French, concentrating on saying, ‘My name is ...’ and ‘I am __ years old’.

Notes:

Helpful: Continue to practise logging into Glow.

Muddy Movers- Monday

PE - Tuesday

Important Dates:

P1a Off-Grid - Tuesday 3rd March / Tuesday 24th March

P1b Off-Grid - Tuesday 10th March / Tuesday 21st April

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Come and See My Learning -

- Homework folders should be brought into school **every day** as we use the reading books in class.
- All homework can be accessed on Google classroom and must be brought into school **on a Friday** so that reading books can be collected and new homework can be given out.
- If you have any queries or questions you can communicate with your child’s class teacher on Google Classroom or by leaving a note in your child’s homework diary.

After a very successful first term we are really looking forward to seeing what Term 2 brings! As always, thank you for your continued support!