



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our second Primary 2 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Miss Gruner (P2a), and Miss Bryne and Mrs Parsons (P2b)

General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and all children are gaining confidence to log in to the Google Classroom independently. Please continue to encourage your child to do this at home. 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 Primary 2 have started their Social Studies topic on France. We have begun looking at a map of France and main features such as rivers, mountains and places of interest. The children have discussed 'Big Questions' which they are interested to find out about. These include finding out about French food, population, celebrations and football. We will also be looking at the weather in France compared to Scotland, agriculture and the history of Kings and Queens in France. The children voted to change our Role Play area into a French cafe and have been enjoying 'baking' crepes and croissants whilst developing their conversational French.

Literacy



Primary 2 love literacy! We have continued our love of writing in Primary 2 and are fully engaged in the Land of the Curious Quests. We love our weekly letters from Professor Klunk, hearing all about how our writing is helping to develop his Land and aid him on his quests. This term we are continuing to develop our knowledge of characterisation and setting while exploring new genres such as poetry and procedural. Thank you for all your continued support with reading at home and working with your child on the diacritical marking of their spelling words. You can also help by clapping out the syllables as well as continuing with the reading and writing of Term 1 and 2 common and tricky words.

Numeracy and Maths



This term we will be continuing to develop our number talks and numeracy blueprints skills. We will consolidate numbers to 100. The children really enjoy 'Guess the number' with a 100 square and they are becoming more confident at asking mathematical questions, e.g. Is it an odd or an even number? Is it smaller than 50? We have also started a focus on Data Handling where we are learning to collect, display and analyse data. We will be having great fun creating our graphs in ICT using our gathered data. There is also a selection of games on Google Classroom to help keep numeracy skills sharp. Please continue to revisit number bonds to 20 to ensure rapid recall.

Health and Wellbeing



This term we will develop our gymnastic and movement skills in PE. The children are very engaged in our lessons already and are developing their core strength and learning to control their bodies. As we become more confident with our balancing we will use the larger equipment which will be great fun! We are also learning about the five food groups and the 'Eat Well Plate' in Food and Nutrition lessons and the importance of eating a variety of fruit and vegetables each day. P2 will continue PE on a Wednesday and Muddy Movers on a Tuesday.

Religious Education



This term we will be exploring other world religions and their religious celebrations such as Ramadan, Eid and Passover. We welcome any parents/families who would like to share their knowledge of and other world religions with Primary 2. As we approach the season of Lent we will be taking time to reflect on the meaning of Easter. There will also be a focus on the Sacrament of Baptism. It would be lovely at this time if you could share some photographs on Google Classroom when asked. In class we have been recognising individuals weekly who have shown our school values of Love, Compassion, Hope and Justice. It is wonderful to see the children living out these school values in their everyday lives.

Modern Languages



Bonjour! Primary two are becoming confident individuals and have begun simple conversational French when we take our registers. We enjoy replying in French when replying with our emotional check ins. We have also been learning names of French food, colours and numbers to 20. We love a game of bingo to reinforce our learning!

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 reading books can be collected and new homework can be given out. Any questions please use the communication diary in the homework folder.

Thank you for all the great achievements each week with our Jo Bear. It has been lovely for the children to share their experiences and for us to share their achievements in class. We will continue this in Term 2. Please continue to support us and discuss the sack of skills with your child.

Dates for the Diary:

Off-Grid P2a - Friday 20th February and Friday 20th March

Off-Grid P2b - Friday 27th February and Friday 1st May

(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.)