



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 3

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our second Primary 3 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs Williamson P3a and Mrs Goold P3b **Please follow your child's learning here: [INSTAGRAM LINK](#)**

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

Curriculum Learning

Social Studies



This term, our focus will be **Egypt**! The children will be learning all about the **Ancient Egyptians**, from the pyramids and pharaohs to the River Nile. They will research and explore famous rulers of Ancient Egypt and discover how their stories and tombs were uncovered. During geography lessons, the children will also learn about **modern-day Egypt**, including its climate and diet. They will compare life in Egypt with their own lives here in **Scotland**, developing a deeper understanding of similarities and differences between the two countries.

If you feel you could contribute to our Egyptian topic in any way, please contact us directly or get in touch via the school office.

Literacy



In Writing, we will be learning how to write **reports**, with a focus on organising ideas clearly and logically. We will then move on to **characterisation**, where the children will learn how to describe characters by exploring their actions, thoughts and dialogue. Throughout the term, we will also encourage the children to up-level their writing by choosing more **interesting** and **ambitious vocabulary**.

We are continuing to develop our knowledge of spelling using the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week, we focus on a new spelling rule and have opportunities to practise and revise words that follow this rule both in class and at home. The children have been using **diacritical marking** and syllables to support their understanding of spelling.

Term 2 common and tricky words have been sent home. Please continue to practise reading and writing these words at home to support your child's learning.

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy, the children will be developing their understanding of **times tables** and division, focusing on making links between multiplication, sharing and grouping. They will continue to work with numbers up to 1000, practising reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers. The children will also be learning about money, including recognising **coins and notes** and **calculating change** in everyday contexts. In addition, they will explore capacity by measuring, comparing and estimating the volume of liquids using standard and non-standard units. *Regular practice at home, particularly with times tables, will greatly support your child's confidence and progress in Numeracy.*

Health and Wellbeing



This term's focus during PE is **Gymnastics**. We have been learning about different rolls and shapes we can do with our bodies. We have been challenging ourselves to hold our balances and hopefully we will see an improvement at the end of the term. We are starting to combine our rolls and shapes into a routine with a partner.

In our Daily Mile we are continuing to focus on developing our stamina and perseverance by setting targets and challenging ourselves to beat them.

Our Term 2 focus for Health and Wellbeing is **healthy eating**. We will be exploring the Eatwell Guide and learning how healthy food can impact our bodies. The children will research healthy foods and use their knowledge to create menus and recipes. They will also have the opportunity to make soups, salads, and fruit kebabs, putting healthy eating into practice.

Religious Education



In Religious Education, the children are learning about Judaism and that Jesus was Jewish. They are exploring Jewish artefacts, such as the menorah, mezuzah, and tallit, and learning about customs and traditions, including Shabbat, kosher food, and Jewish festivals.

As we approach Lent, we will prepare as a class, school, and community through prayer, reflection, and fasting. The children will focus on the three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—and learn how these practices help Catholics reflect and prepare for Easter.

Modern Languages



This term we are learning months of the year and daily routines in French.

[▶ Les mois de l'année - alain le lait \(French months of the year\)](#)

Pupils will learn about different parts of the house as they focus on where they live. We will continue to learn vocabulary for different instructions in the classroom.

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.

If you have any questions please use the communication diary in the homework folder.

Additional information:

PE	ICT	Off-Grid
P3a- Friday P3b- Thursday	P3a- Thursday P3b- Tuesday	P3a - Fri 10th February (1 slot this term and 1 next term) P3b - Tuesday 24th February and Friday 6th March

Off Grid: 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.

[Outdoor Learning | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

We are very excited about our learning in the term ahead.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

