



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 4

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our second P4 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Miss Muirhead (P4a)

Mrs Downs and Mrs McLaughlin (P4b)

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

Social Studies



This term we are learning about **Scandinavia**, focusing on 'People and Place' and **The Vikings**, focusing on 'People in the Past'. At the beginning of term we created **KWL** Grids and in doing so we discussed what we **know** about the topic, what we **would** like to learn about and at the end we will reflect on what we have **learned**. This has allowed us to direct our own learning and explore things which interest us the most. So far, we have been researching where Vikings lived and why they invaded other countries. We have also been looking at maps of Scandinavian countries and are looking forward to learning more about Scandinavian places, traditions and languages, drawing connections between them and our own experiences here in Scotland.

Literacy



This term we have begun reading our class novel, ['The Worst Witch'](#) and will be using this to help us develop skills in making inferences, answering and creating questions and summarising. In Writing, we are learning to write descriptions of settings and we will be learning to write short stories, using 'The Worst Witch' as a stimulus for writing. We may feel inspired to write our own short stories at home and can share these with our peers in class or on Google Classroom!

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy we have been focusing on rapid recall of the multiplication tables and how they link to division. We have been using Number Talks and the Numeracy Blueprints to focus on mental strategies for addition & subtraction. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary](#). You can continue to encourage your child to practise their rapid recall of multiplication & division facts using the ['Hit The Button'](#) website, other examples of games are posted on our Google Classroom. In Topic Maths we have been exploring 'Area' and have been calculating the area of shapes and recording this using squared centimetres. [Area Game](#).

Health and Wellbeing



In PE, we are developing our skills in basketball. We have enjoyed learning how to control the ball through dribbling and could demonstrate how to stop using the **jump stop** and **stride stop** methods. Over the next few weeks we will be learning a variety of passes, including **chest pass** and **bounce pass** and are looking forward to incorporating these skills into small team games.

Mrs Redmond and Mrs Greene will be working with us on developing our knowledge and skills within Food and Health: [NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#).

Religious Education



This term we have begun our preparations for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, which will take place in **St Joseph's Church** on **Tuesday 10th February at 11am**. To help us with this, we are currently thinking and talking about the choices we make and reflecting on the parable of '[The Loving Father](#)'. Our P4 Sacramental booklets have been sent home so that you can support our preparations. You can also access additional information here: [Sacramental Information | St Joseph's Primary School](#).

Modern Languages



In French, we will be continuing to revise our conversational language. We will be learning a range of vocabulary associated with [pets and animals](#) and will apply this to talk and ask about owning pets. We will complete a survey about pets in French and will write sentences on this topic.

Notes:

Please remember to continue to come to school with a filled water bottle and homework folder every day. All homework must be brought into school on Friday. Any questions please continue to use the pink communication jotter.

PE Days: P4a - Monday afternoon and P4b - Tuesday morning

MUGA: Tuesday

Trim Trail: Monday

Dates for the Diary:

Off-Grid P4a: *Tuesday 27th January and Friday 13th March*

Off-Grid P4b: *Tuesday 3rd February*

P4 Rite of Commitment: *Sunday 8th February - St Joseph's Church at 10am*

P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation: *Tuesday 10th February - St Joseph's Church at 11am*

Inservice Day: *Friday 13th February*

School closed: *Monday 16th February and Tuesday 17th February*

Laudato Si Day of Action: *Friday 27th March*

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