



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 5

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our second P5 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs Fry and Miss Harvey

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General



Children continue to access **Google Classroom** and use this platform confidently in computing lessons. All homework is 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 major focus will be on **Social Studies**. P5 focuses on **Italy**, in particular 'people, past events and societies'. Throughout this term, students will engage in a variety of learning activities designed to deepen their understanding of Italy's cultural heritage. We will explore Ancient Rome and how the Roman people shaped Italian history and society, along with the impact they had across Europe. We will examine key landmarks, historical and contemporary Art and investigate the various inventors who have created and changed the Italian landscape. We also hope to learn some Italian words and phrases, with the help of our bi-lingual pupils.

By engaging with these areas, we aim to enhance our pupils' global awareness and encourage them to draw connections between Italy and their own experiences here in Scotland. [The Romans - BBC Bitesize](#)

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

Literacy



This term, we will be focusing on reading "The BFG", by Roald Dahl. Children will continue to develop the skills of answering and creating Higher Order Thinking Skills questions, in order to deepen their understanding of the text and develop critical thinking.

In writing this term, we will be using the context of The BFG, and our Social Studies topic. We will be learning to create setting descriptions using our senses, thinking about how vocabulary choice can enhance our writing. We will also engage in some persuasive writing, such as application letters for joining the Roman army, focusing on the differences between formal and informal tone. [How to Create Setting - BBC Bitesize](#)

Numeracy and Maths



Children have been focusing on rapid recall of the multiplication tables and how they link to division. This term, we will be using Number Talks and the Numeracy Blueprints to focus on various mental strategies to support multiplication and division. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#). In maths and numeracy this term Primary 5 will focus on building core skills while developing critical 21st century skills competencies such as problem solving, reasoning and collaborative learning. We will explore key areas including number concepts, measurement, and data handling with the opportunities to apply these to real-world context.

Health and Wellbeing



In PE, we will be focusing on netball and athletics, developing our agility and cooperative team skills. Children are encouraged to assess their team's performance and give constructive feedback. In our Daily Mile we are focusing on developing our stamina and perseverance to live a healthy lifestyle.

In Health & Wellbeing, children will focus on understanding the importance of making healthy choices to support a balanced lifestyle. Using the Eatwell guide, we will explore the different food groups, learning what makes up a healthy balanced diet and how the body benefits from nutrients, helping them to make informed decisions about snacks and meals. [YouTube: NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#)
If you have any suggestions or ways you could support our focus this term please get in touch - we would love to hear your ideas.

Religious Education



In our R.E. curriculum, we will explore Other World Religions, in particular Judaism. We will explore key aspects of Jewish tradition, beliefs and practices. Children will study the Ten Commandments and reflect on how they shape our conscience and moral choices. Children will also engage with scripture related to Abraham, Prophets and kings throughout the old Testament, and their significance in our faith. As we approach Lent, we will prepare as a class, school and community through prayer, reflection and fasting.

Modern Languages



In French, we are continuing to describe one another, especially describing clothing, and expressing our likes and dislikes. We will learn about Paris Fashion Week, offering our opinions on clothing. We will also have our own catwalk, using props to describe clothing! We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of numbers up to 50. [French: Describing Clothing - BBC Bitesize](#).

Notes:

Equipment: Please encourage your child to come to school each day equipped with the basics of **pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener** in a pencil case. This helps them to be independent and ready to work.

PE days: **P5a** Thursday **P5b** Thursday Please ensure that children have their P.E. kits on P.E. days.

Offgrid: **P5a** Friday 30th January & Friday 27th March **P5b** Friday 6th February & Friday 24th April

Inservice Day: Friday 13th February

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

Laudato Si Day of Action: Friday 27th March

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

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