



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 2



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Primary 7

Term 1

Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our second P7 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Ms Fusaro and Ms Clark **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 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



In Term 2, we will be focusing on Social Studies through the lens of **Germany**. The children will be learning about 'people, past events and societies' of Germany, in particular, exploring the World Wars and life at this time. Learners will compare modern day life to wartime Scotland and Germany. As well as exploring the history of Germany, learners will explore the rich culture and diversity of modern day Germany, with a particular focus on art, engineering and folklore! At the beginning of our learning journey, the children came up with a few Big Questions as a class which will allow them to direct their own learning and learn about things which interest them! By engaging in these areas, we aim to enhance pupils' global awareness and encourage them, through inquiry, to draw connections between Germany and their own experiences here in Scotland. We will also be welcoming visitors from [The Holocaust Education Trust](#), as a follow up to our online lesson last term.

Literacy



In order to further explore our Social Studies topic, our class novel this term is "[The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas](#)" by John Boyne. Through exploring this example of **historical fiction**, we will discuss aspects such as discrimination, "propaganda", and the Rights of the Child, as well as literary techniques such as metaphors, recurring themes within the text and parallels with the real world. In writing, we will be working on our Writers' Craft, which means that children will be using a variety of writing techniques to make their writing engaging and interesting for their reader. We will continue to focus on accuracy in spelling and grammar, as well as proof-reading and self-editing.

Numeracy and Maths



Building on our learning from Term 1, we will continue to work on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages in a **real world context**. Learners will also explore data handling and interpretation. Through our enterprise challenge, children will be learning about **budgeting, profit and loss and overheads**, as well as developing skills such as team work, problem solving, and time management. Learners are encouraged to use **formulae** and show all working when completing written work, and should be encouraged to do this for homework tasks as well. In Mental Maths, we encourage learners to use a range of strategies to solve problems, discussing these strategies with peers. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

Health and Wellbeing



In Health and Wellbeing, we will explore food safety and healthy eating. [NHSGGC - Your Body Matters Curriculum Pack \(P1-P7\)](#) Learners will be encouraged to use this learning during their Enterprise challenge, if they choose to make and sell food products. We will also be exploring My World of Work, discussing skills and qualities needed for different professions, as well as different pathways into these jobs. [All about your skills | My World of Work](#)

This term, we will also begin to look at transitions and dealing with change. [Primary 7 Transition](#)

Religious Education



With the Confirmation fast approaching, the children will be preparing eagerly to receive their Sacrament. [Sacramental Information | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

They will be completing their Pope Francis Faith Award, in particular, writing their final reflections, looking back on their faith journey and what they have learned.

[Pope Francis Faith Award | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

Modern Languages



Learners will continue to build on previous learning in Modern Languages, and can practise their vocabulary online at "[French Lessons](#)". We will also be exploring the German language through our Social Studies topic. Further, we will have a 6 week Mandarin input by our visiting teacher from China this term, when children will develop their language skills further, as well as exploring aspects of Chinese culture. [1st level Mandarin - BBC Bitesize](#), [2nd level Mandarin - BBC Bitesize](#)

She will also run a Chinese Language and Culture Club Tuesday lunchtimes from 12:35-1pm. *Remember, if you can speak another language and would like to share your knowledge with P7, please get in touch!*

Notes:

- **Equipment:** P7 are often on the move with their learning experiences - please ensure your child comes equipped with the basics of **pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener** in a pencil case **each day**.
- **Uniform:** P7 pupils set examples to all other stages. We will be out of school on numerous occasions so children should wear their full school uniform/PE kit with school jacket/blazer. [Dressing for Excellence](#)
- Learners also track their learning through their **Profile**, and are encouraged to share this with parents or guardians at home!

Important Dates - Term 2

30th January - Cluster Ceilidh - Full school PE kit to be worn

27th March - Laudato Si' day of Action #2 [Laudato Si' Schools Scotland | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

Important Dates - Term 3

18th/19th May - SNHS P7 Induction Days [About Us – St Ninian's High](#)

19th May - SNHS Parent Information Evening

20th May - Confirmation - St Mirin's Cathedral [Sacramental Information | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

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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