



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 3



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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our final P3 curriculum newsletter for the 25-26 session which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs. Williamson (P3a) and Mrs Goold (P3b)

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

Expressive Arts

Term 3 will have a focus on Expressive Arts. In music, we will be exploring sounds and styles from different parts of the world, while learning to recognise and create new rhythms and beats. Pupils will have opportunities to play along to a range of musical pieces using instruments, helping to develop their confidence and listening skills. We will also continue to benefit from our fortnightly sessions with our music specialist, Ms Lee, who supports and enriches our learning. In art, we will be learning about African Art and experimenting with creating our own pieces, using a variety of textures and tones to express our ideas creatively.

Literacy



In literacy this term, we will be reading *Fantastic Mr Fox* together in class. We will focus on developing a range of comprehension skills, including answering different types of questions and creating our own using higher-order thinking prompts. Pupils will continue to build their ability to infer meaning, as well as practise skimming and scanning techniques to locate key information. In writing, our main focus will be on characterisation, helping children to describe and develop characters in more detail. We will also continue to reinforce our Jolly Phonics spelling rules through diacritical marking and active spelling activities.

Numeracy and Maths



In Term 3, we will continue to develop our mental maths skills through Number Talks and by using the Numeracy Blueprints. The children are learning a range of strategies to solve calculations and are encouraged to explore different methods to find solutions, helping to build confidence and flexibility in their thinking. The children have been learning a variety of strategies to solve calculations and are being encouraged to try out different ways to solve the same calculation. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#). In Topic Maths, we will be exploring concepts such as tiling, capacity, and using a calculator. We would appreciate your support at home by continuing to practise using money in real-life contexts, including recognising notes and coins and working out change.

Health and Wellbeing



This term's focus in Health and Wellbeing is substance misuse. We will be learning how to stay safe around potentially dangerous substances found in the home, and how to make safe and responsible choices. In P.E., our focus is dance, and we will be learning Scottish ceilidh dances, including the Gay Gordons and The Dashing White Sergeant, while developing teamwork and coordination. We will also continue to build our fitness and stamina through the Daily Mile, encouraging children to challenge themselves.

Religious Education



We will also be exploring relationships through our *God's Loving Plan* programme, focusing on the story of the Good Samaritan, as well as relationships in the classroom and playground. We will discuss how we can demonstrate our school values of love, hope, compassion and justice, and link these to the UNCRC Rights of the Child.

In May, we will focus on the Month of Mary, a special time when we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and reflect on her example of faith, kindness and trust in God. We will also learn about the Rosary and the four Mysteries—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous—helping us to reflect on key moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

Modern Languages



We will be learning key French vocabulary to talk about parts of the house and describing the weather. We will recap months, seasons and numbers, and revise conversation skills, including answering questions such as where you are from and your age. We will also revisit vocabulary for places in the house.

Notes:

Equipment:

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.

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

Additional information:

If there are ever any changes with PE times, we will update you via **Google Classroom**.

<u>PE</u>	<u>ICT</u>
P3a- Tuesday	P3a- Thursday
P3b- Wednesday	P3b- Tuesday

Dates for the Diary:

Ascension Thursday Mass at St. Joseph's Church P1-4: Thursday 14th May

May Weekend: 22nd May to 25th May

Day of Action: Friday 29th May

Wild Week: 15th June - 19th June

Circle Up Day: Tuesday 23rd June

School closes 1pm for summer - Friday 26th June

Reminder: There will be no homework in June.

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

What a year we've had! Thank you for all of your continued support.