



# St Joseph's Primary

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 3



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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to our final P2 curriculum newsletter for the 25-26 session which will give you some key information for this term.

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### 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

Primary 2 are going to be focusing on the Expressive Arts for Term 3. In Art, we will be learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky. The children will explore primary and secondary colours, using these to create their own vibrant, Kandinsky-inspired artwork. Through our Drama lessons, we'll be exploring the world of fairytales, introducing techniques such as mime and freeze frames to help the children bring stories to life through performance. During Music, we will be working on keeping a steady beat and discovering how to change pitch using fun, interactive activities like Chrome Music Lab. The children are very much enjoying the 'Theatre Role Play Area', where our creative area now serves as a place to create all things necessary for each show and the running of a Theatre. We are really looking forward to seeing the children's creativity and confidence shine through in all areas of the Expressive Arts this term!

### Literacy



In Literacy, Primary 2 are continuing to develop their reading skills through more challenging texts, while also enhancing their comprehension using Mount HOTS and reading strategies such as comparing, visualising, and making connections. Through the 'Curious Quests', Primary 2 will be exploring the genre of Explanation writing, creating leaflets to explain the life cycle of a chick, butterfly and frog to send to our friends through the 'Magic Mustard Tin'. In Grammar this term, Primary 2 will focus on adverbs and plurals, learning when to add 's' or 'es' to make words plural. Alongside this, we'll be practising new common and tricky words for Term 3. Regular practice of these words is important as it helps build reading fluency and spelling accuracy, boosting confidence in independent writing. We will also revisit and consolidate words from Terms 1 and 2. Families can help by encouraging children to spot tricky words in their reading books or practice them together at home.

### Numeracy and Maths



This term in Numeracy, Primary 2 will be continuing to build confidence through our weekly Number Talks and Numeracy Blueprints sessions. We will be revising and consolidating taught strategies, including adding up in chunks, compensation, doubles and near doubles, and making friendly numbers to help solve calculations more efficiently. In our money topic we will be looking at recognising coins and adding up totals to make 50p, £1 and £2, as well as, beginning to calculate change. We will also be looking at how we use money in our daily lives.

## Health and Wellbeing



This term, Primary 2 will be focusing on Dance in PE, linking to our Expressive Arts term. The children will be learning Scottish Country Dance, including the 'Canadian Barn Dance', 'Military Two Step', 'Happy Hoops' and 'Gay Gordons'. P2 will also be developing our skills in fielding and striking during PE. We will be learning how to play games that involve hitting and catching the ball, which helps improve our hand-eye coordination and teamwork. In Health and Wellbeing, we will also be learning about substance misuse and how to keep ourselves safe. We will talk about making healthy choices, understanding that some substances are not safe for us, and how we can look after our bodies and minds. These lessons will help the children understand how to stay safe and make good decisions.

## Religious Education



This term in Religious Education, Primary 2 will be working on *God's Loving Plan*. Through this, we will be learning about how we are all made in the image of God, how much God loves each one of us, and how we can show love, care, and kindness in our relationships with others. We will also be learning about the special month of Mary, which is celebrated in May. The children will explore why Mary is important and continue their learning about the Rosary, taking time to reflect on the life of Jesus through prayer. In addition, we will learn about Jesus the Teacher, thinking about the important lessons He shared and how we can follow His example in our everyday lives. We look forward to nurturing the children's faith as they grow in understanding of God's love for them and for others.

## Modern Languages



Salut! This term, Primary 2 will be continuing to revise their conversational language through daily conversations within the classroom and playground, alongside simple classroom instructions. We will be learning about different fruits and vegetables, and will begin exploring a variety of dinners while making choices about our favourites. Pupils will ask one another if they like or dislike foods by using 'J'aime, Je n'aime pas, J'adore and Tu aimes?'

## Notes:

Please remember to come to school with a 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. Any questions please use the communication diary in the homework folder.

Thank you for all the great achievements each week with our Joe Bear. It has been lovely for the children to share their experiences and for us to share their achievements in class. We will continue this in Term 3. Please continue to support us and discuss the suitcase of skills with your child.

### 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

**Miss Gruner away for the P7 Residential:** 1st June - 5th June

**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.**

**Please log in and follow your child's learning here:** <https://www.instagram.com/stjosephspserc/>