

St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 3



Primary 4

Term 2

Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our final P4 curriculum newsletter for the 25-26 session 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 set on Google Classroom. If you need any support with this, please get in touch or access our school [website](#).

Curriculum Learning

Expressive Arts

In term 3, we will have a focus on Expressive Arts. In Art, we will be investigating 'Pop Art' including work by Andy Warhol, Romero Britto and Keith Haring. We will explore the visual elements of shape, colour and pattern and use this to create our own Pop Art using a variety of media. Through our Drama lessons, we will be developing our use of movement and expression when taking on a role and create short dramas through the stimulus of 'The Vikings.' In Music, we will learn to identify rhythms and will play the xylophone and other percussion instruments to accompany different pieces. We are also fortunate to continue to benefit from regular music lessons with our music specialist, Ms Lee.

Literacy



We have made an enthusiastic start to our new novel, *An Alien in the Jam Factory* and are thoroughly enjoying getting to know the main characters, Scooter McLay and Fizzbee. Through reading, we have been using evidence from the text to make predictions and to help us visualise the characters and setting. As we continue with the story, we will be developing key comprehension skills such as making inferences, generating and answering inferential questions, and clarifying new vocabulary. In writing, our focus is on personal recounts, with an emphasis on describing events in detail and using emotive language to engage the reader. We are also working hard to expand our vocabulary and use a wider range of sentence openers and connectives, helping to make our writing more varied and interesting.

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy, we will continue to improve our rapid recall of the multiplication facts and how they link to division. We are applying our knowledge of multiplication and division facts to help us find fractions of a number e.g. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16. Please continue to encourage your child to practise these skills at home using the [Hit the Button](#) game and other examples of games posted on Google Classroom. In topic maths, we will be exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and using money to pay for items and calculate change up to £20. You can support this learning at home by involving your child in everyday shopping, encouraging them to pay with coins and notes and calculate the change they should receive. The [Toy Shop Money Game](#) is another useful resource which can be used to develop money skills.

Health and Wellbeing



This term, Primary 4 will have a focus in PE of dance, linking to our Expressive Arts term. We will be learning a number of Scottish Country Dances including *The Flying Scotsman* and *The Dashing White Sergeant* and will have a go at creating our own dances, developing confidence when performing these to our peers. We will also be developing our striking and fielding skills and applying these to a variety of team games. In Health and Wellbeing, we will be learning about substance misuse with Mrs Greene. We will be exploring how medicines can be used in a safe way to improve our health and know how to react in unsafe situations and emergencies.

As we approach the end of the school year, we will begin to make preparations for our transition to Primary 5. On Tuesday 23rd June (Circle Up Day) we will spend the day in our new classroom, with our new teacher. We will familiarise ourselves with our new learning environment and offer ideas and suggestions on how to make it a welcoming and inclusive space.

Religious Education



Congratulations to our pupils who made their First Holy Communion last weekend. It was a beautiful celebration and we are very proud of them all!

This term in Religious Education, Primary 4 will be exploring [God's Loving Plan](#). We will be learning that we are uniquely created and loved by God, and that this is reflected in how we build positive, respectful relationships with others. As part of this learning, we will explore the Sacrament of Marriage and reflect on how we have grown and changed from birth. Throughout the month of May, we will learn more about the life of Mary and think about how we can follow her example by showing love, kindness and care to others. We will continue to learn about the four mysteries of the Rosary and pray these together as a class.

Modern Languages



In French we are learning vocabulary for items around our classroom and will continue to develop our conversational French. We will participate in familiar conversations about birthdays, family members, pets and colours.

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:

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

22nd May to 25th May - May Weekend

Friday 29th May - Day of Action

15th June - 19th June - Wild Week

Tuesday 23rd June - Circle Up Day

Friday 26th June - School closes at 1pm for Summer.

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