



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



Primary 2

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P2 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Mrs Toland and Mrs Parsons (P2a)
Mrs O'Shea (P2b)

General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and all children have been able to access this platform 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

STEM



This term we are learning about topics such as The Human Body, Our Environment and Space. P2 are leading their own learning by asking some 'big questions' to shape our STEM topics this term. We will be deepening our understanding of all things STEM through a class trip to the Science Centre. If there are any parents who have a level of expertise in any of the above areas and would be willing to come in to present to the class, please get in touch.

Literacy



In Literacy, we are developing our knowledge of phonics using the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week we focus on a new spelling rule and have the opportunity to practise words with these rules in class and at home. Term 1 common and tricky words have been sent home, please continue to practise reading and then writing these words, through games such as snap, pairs and even hide and seek. In Writing, we are building upon our knowledge of 'Drawing Club' by entering the world of 'Curious Quests', meeting new characters and developing our independence in writing, as well as, our confidence in talking and listening. Our first Storytelling story this term is 'The Freedom, Bird', please ask us about this at home!

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy we are continuing to develop addition and subtraction within 20 and beyond. We are focusing on rapid recall of number bonds and are enjoying playing games such as '[Hit the Button](#)' to set new targets for ourselves.

In Maths we are building on our knowledge of 2D shapes by learning about more complex shapes such as hexagons and octagons as well as continuing and creating repeating 2D shape patterns using resources in class and outdoors. This term we will also explore Fractions and Time.

Health and Wellbeing



In P2 we love being active! In PE lessons (**P2a - Thursday and P2b - Tuesday**), we are developing our passing and retrieval skills when playing team games using balls, bats and beanbags. We also continue to enjoy our weekly Muddy Movers afternoons on **Mondays** and will be developing gross motor skills, teamwork and problem solving. With our Term 1 focus on Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, we will continue to use the '[Cool in School](#)' programme to discuss feelings as well as continuing to explore the 'Zones of Regulation' which we refer to in our daily emotional check ins.

Religious Education



We celebrate our P2 Stage Mass on **Tuesday 29th September** and the children are preparing their readings, prayers and hymns for our special service. We will continue to learn more about Mary during the month of October. Later in the term, we will begin preparing for our second Nativity Show which will be held on **Wednesday 2nd December** at 2pm.



This term we are revising our introductions, numbers and colours in French. We will learn vocabulary for different foods and will be learning how to say what we like and dislike. European Day of Languages (EDL) is on Thursday 26th September - if you can speak another language and would like to share this with P2, please get in touch!

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.

Dates for the Diary:

Laudato Si' - Day of Action 1 - Thursday 24th September

Off-Grid P2a - Friday 2nd October

Off-Grid P2b - Friday 23rd October

(Children come in wearing clothing suitable for outdoors and all weathers with their full uniform in their bag to change into when we get back to school.)

Halloween Howl - Friday 30th October - children can come to school in costume.

Parents Night - Thursday 12th November

P2 Nativity - Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm

Winter Wonderland - Wednesday 16th December TBC

Please log in and follow your child's learning here: Instagram: [@Stjosephspserc](https://www.instagram.com/Stjosephspserc)

Further information regarding upcoming events can be found in our '[New School Calendar](#)'