



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



Primary 3

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P3 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Mrs Downs, Mrs McLaughlin (P3a) and Mrs Williamson (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

STEM



This term, our two main focus areas in STEM are '**Our Senses**' and '**Forces**', and the children have really enjoyed creating 'I wonder' questions to guide their learning. In Forces, we have been exploring **friction**, using our predicting skills before conducting experiments. We will also be learning about **magnets**, testing different objects around the classroom to see which are magnetic.

In Our Senses, we have been discovering how each of our senses works and how they help us in everyday life. They have loved exploring the various resources in the STEM room and will soon be focusing on **woodworking and sewing**, building their skills and creativity even further.

Literacy



This term in Literacy, we are enjoying developing our spelling skills through the Jolly Spelling Programme. Each week, we explore a new spelling rule and practise exciting words in class and at home. The children have been using **diacritical marking**—small symbols added to letters—to help them understand spelling patterns and remember tricky sounds. Term 1 common and tricky words have been sent home, and we encourage you to keep practising reading and writing them together. In writing, our focus is on personal recounts, with an emphasis on describing events in detail and using exciting 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. Our Library Day will be a Friday this year.

Numeracy and Maths



In Numeracy, we are using Number Talks to learn different strategies to solve problems, such as 'Making friendly numbers' and 'Breaking each number into its place value'. We have been enjoying sharing our strategies with our peers. Ask your child to share some of the strategies they have been learning at home! We are also continuing to improve our rapid recall of number bonds to 20 and use games such as '[Hit the Button](#)' to set new targets for ourselves. In topic maths, we will be exploring time, using both analogue and digital clocks, and using money to pay for items and calculate change. 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. Your child has received their Sumdog log in details and we will continue to use this resource to support learning in school and at home.

Health and Wellbeing



In P3, we love being active and moving our bodies! In PE lessons (**P3a – Tuesday, P3b – Thursday**), we are developing our passing and retrieval skills in possession games using balls, bats and hockey sticks. During the Daily Mile, we are working on stamina and perseverance by setting personal targets and challenging ourselves to achieve them. Our Term 1 focus for Health and Wellbeing is mental health and emotions. We will be learning about different emotions and strategies for managing challenging feelings, especially anger. We are also continuing to use our 'Cool in School' strategies to solve minor disagreements and promote positive friendships.

Religious Education



On **Tuesday 29th September**, we will be celebrating our stage Mass, showing reverence and gratitude for the year ahead. This term, we are exploring our school values and thinking about how we can put them into action in our daily lives. We will also be learning about the Ten Commandments and reflecting on what they mean for us today. The children will have opportunities to share examples of how they are following God's example and developing confidence in talking about their faith.

Modern Languages



This term, we are revising numbers to 20 and practising the days of the week through games, songs and activities. We will learn new words for family members and practise asking and answering simple questions about our families. We will also learn how to say where we live, building confidence in speaking and listening in French.

Notes:

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 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.

PE	ICT	Outdoor Learning
P3a - Tuesday P3b - Thursday	P3a - Thursday P3b - Tuesday	<u>P3a</u> Tuesday 22nd September - Busby Glen Friday 6th November - Offgrid <u>P3b</u> Tuesday 6th October - Busby Glen Friday 4th December Offgrid <i>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.</i>

Dates for the Diary:

Meet the Teacher: Thursday 27th August 3:15pm - 4.15pm

P3 Stage Mass - Tuesday 29th September 2.15pm

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

Parents Night: Thursday 12th November

P3 Nativity: Monday 14th December 2pm

Winter Wonderland: Wednesday 16th December (tbc)

We are loving primary 3 so far and are looking forward to the term ahead.

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

Please log in and follow your child's learning here: Instagram: [@Stjosephspserc](#)