



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



Primary 6

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P6 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.

Mrs Greene (P6a) and Ms Fusaro (P6b)

General



Children have their login information for **Google Classroom** and all children have now 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



'Forces and Motion' and 'Materials - Rocks and Soils' are our two key areas of focus this term. Children will be developing note-taking skills as they investigate through hands-on experiments and explore scientific language such as, 'hypothesis', 'fair testing' and 'variables'. They will have the opportunity to hypothesize and use their mathematical skills to measure length and height as well as taking time to consider the ways in which they could make an experiment 'fair'. We will also be participating in national online STEM events. [A Parent's Guide to Introducing STEM at Home](#)

Literacy



This term, the children will be using the Literacy World readers for their Reading and Comprehension lessons. In Writing, children will work towards creating a persuasive text using digital technologies to search and find supporting facts from credible sources. In handwriting, pupils will continue to develop their fluency in using Gourdie Handwriting script. [Gourdie Handwriting - Second Level](#). They will continue to be encouraged to carefully consider the height and size of their letters and words and to be consistent in their approach to their presentation of work across all subject areas. In spelling, the children will further develop their ability to accurately identify syllables and sounds in words. They will apply their knowledge of learned spelling rules to correctly identify the different ways to make sounds. [Spelling and Grammar Games - Topmarks](#)

Numeracy and Maths



The children will be using their mathematical knowledge and skills across the curriculum in both STEM and 'Flipped Learning' experiences where they will have to apply their knowledge of units of measure, shape, chance/uncertainty to be successful learners.

The children will learn Long Multiplication by tens and units. This will require them to retrieve knowledge of the multiplication facts. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#). They will also apply this knowledge when carrying out 'inverse calculations' which require the children to have a rapid recall of both multiplication and division facts and how they are linked so please ensure your child is continuing to become fluent with multiplication tables <https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

Health and Wellbeing



With our T1 focus on Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, P6 will engage in a variety of 'worry management' activities which teaches children to think about and manage anxiety and take better control of their thought processes. We will work on our Physical Health through The Daily Mile and in PE, developing skills in Football, Hockey and Basketball. <https://education.gov.scot/dailymile>. Throughout the year, the children will be offered regular opportunities to take on leadership roles. As part of the upper school, the children are invited to apply for the prestigious role of 'Vice Captain'. The interviews for this are on Monday 24th into Tuesday 25th August.

Religious Education



The children will embark upon their Pope Francis Faith Award (PFFA) this year!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/pope-francis-faith-award-2/>

We are off to an exciting start by celebrating our P6 stage/PFFA Enrolment Mass **for pupils** in school on Tuesday 1st September with Father Dan. Through the two year PFFA journey, we will be learning about the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit and will be required to make regular entries in our PFFA Journals to reflect on how we are using them at home, at school and in our Parish. We will have the opportunity to sign up for the PFFA Rota at St Joseph's Church to demonstrate our commitment to our faith and parish. <https://scs.org.uk/faith-award/>

Modern Languages



Children will have the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge and skills from P5 during French. They will progress to learning to ask and reply to everyday questions and describe their favourite hobbies and pastimes. [French: Hobbies - BBC Bitesize](#). This will include talking and listening in small groups and with partners.

Notes:

Equipment: P6 are often on the move with their learning experiences - please ensure your child comes equipped with the basics of pencil, rubber, ruler and sharpener in a pencil case each day.

Uniform: As part of the upper school, P6 Pupils set examples to all other stages. Children should wear their full school uniform/PE kit. [Dressing for Excellence](#)

P6 will have access to the MUGA to play games on a Thursday. They can also have fun on the trim trail on a Wednesday.

Dates For the Diary:

PE Days: P6a Tuesday, P6b Friday

ICT Days: P6a Friday, P6b Tuesday

Off Grid - Children should arrive wearing clothing suitable for outdoors and all weathers.

P6a - Friday 21st August

P6b - Friday 28th August

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 27th August 3:15-4pm

Family Mass: 10am Sunday 6th September (St Joseph's Church)

Archbishop Tartaglia Football Tournament - Friday 18th September

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

Parents' Night - Thursday 12th November

P6 Advent Assembly - Friday 27th November

Winter Wonderland - TBC Wednesday 16th December

Homework is allocated on a Monday on Google Classroom. All homework must be brought into school **on Friday**. Children will ask parents to sign their diaries each week. If you have any queries or questions, please do get in touch.

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

We are excited for the term ahead! Thank you for your engagement and continued support.

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