



St Joseph's Primary

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Term 1



Primary 7

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to our first P7 newsletter which will give you some key information for this term.
Ms Clark (P7a) and Mrs Stewart (P7b)

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



Term 1 has a STEM focus: Science/Technology/Engineering/Maths. We look forward to learning about the Science topic of **Genetics**. In Technology, we plan to explore DNA by making structural models. [What is inheritance? - BBC Bitesize](#). We also look forward to learning about the Science topic of space, linking this to our Project Based Learning and Topical Science. We will also be completing experiments and participating in national online STEM events.

Literacy



P7 are looking forward to beginning the study of the class novel 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. ([Wonder | BookTrust](#)) and exploring themes such as inclusion/ discrimination. Our learning from the novel also links with our Health and Wellbeing and STEM lessons. In Grammar, we will be exploring correct use of punctuation and developing this through our writing as well as parts of speech, definite and indefinite articles (*a, an or the*), and parenthesis. [Spelling and Grammar Games - Topmarks](#)

Numeracy and Maths



This term, we are using retrieval practice to consolidate our learning of; fractions, decimals and percentages, algebraic equations and application of maths in everyday contexts . <https://www.topmarks.co.uk> . Please encourage your child to fully utilise their notes jotter when tackling calculations for homework and when revising previously taught concepts. For Mental Maths, please encourage your child to use Number Talks strategies such as open number lines or partitioning when completing Mental Maths calculations. [Numeracy and Mathematics | St Joseph's Primary School](#)

Health and Wellbeing



In Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, our focus in P7 will explore feelings and emotions: [Welcome to Healthier Minds](#). We will explore the importance of supporting each other and embracing our differences, demonstrating an awareness of other people's feelings and emotions. We will also find out about mental health and what it can be like to be a target of stigma or discrimination. We will work on our Physical Health through [The Daily Mile](#) and will develop skills in team sports including; Football, Basketball, and Ball Hockey.

Religious Education



As candidates for Confirmation, we will continue our learning about the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit and will be required to make regular entries in our PFFA Journals, as we did for homework in Primary 6, to reflect on how we are using them at home, at school and in our Parish. [Sacramental Information | St Joseph's Primary School](#)



A great site to help your child hear vocabulary and practise speaking is [French lessons](#). It also supports the reading and writing of key phrases such as 'Je joue...' and 'Je fais.....' for our term 1 focus on 'Sports'. If *you* can speak another language and would like to share your knowledge with P7, please get in touch!

Notes:

Equipment: P7 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: P7 Pupils set examples to all other stages.. We will be out of school on numerous occasions so children should wear their full school uniform/PE kit with school jacket/blazer. [Dressing for Excellence](#)

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.

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 27th August 3.15-4.15pm

Archbishop Tartaglia Football Tournament - Friday 18th September

Vocations Mass - Wednesday 9th September (pupils only) St Mirin's Cathedral

P7 Spiritual retreat & stage Mass - Wednesday 30th September (pupils only)

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

Parents' Night - Thursday 12th November

P7 Advent Assembly - Tuesday 15th December

Winter Wonderland - TBC Wednesday 16th December

OffGrid - If you can give up your time to help us at OffGrid at one or all of the dates below, it would be very much appreciated.

P7a - Friday 4th September

P7b - Friday 11th September

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.

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