



St Martin's Primary

Class Newsletter

Primary 5/6 – Term 1 2026/2027

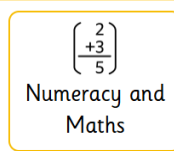
Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and for those children and families who are joining us this session, a very warm welcome to our St Martin's family! It is wonderful to see our young children so smartly dressed in their uniform, demonstrating our school rules of Being Kind, Ready to learn and Trying their best. This term we are focussing on establishing our pupil voice groups which will be lead in part by our pupil leadership group. The members of this group are our House Captains and Vice Captains, Head Boy and Girl and our Lead inclusion Ambassador. It is very exciting to have such wonderful role models in our Primary 7 this year and I look forward to working with them on our school improvement agenda. I am very keen to increase our opportunities for parents to meet and work together with the school so please make sure you complete the questionnaires at Meet the Teacher session and Parents' night. We are aware that families have different commitments so this year, I am sending out a Year Ahead calendar on paper form and on all our app platforms. Please make sure these dates are in your diary. We will try to ensure that we keep to these dates but if anything changes, we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible. I look forward to a great year ahead with lots to celebrate in terms of awards and learning. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Mrs McKay Headteacher



In Reading, P5/6 are exploring the magical world of The Nowhere Emporium as our class novel, alongside various group books. We are developing our 'Before, During, and After' reading skills, focusing tightly on prediction and using 'Word Aware' strategies to break down unfamiliar words in context. Our Writing blocks will focus on descriptive and narrative techniques, helping the children build vivid settings and structured stories. Finally, Listening and Talking will bring our topic to life through 'The Inventors' Pitch'. The children will collaborate to design a creative invention and pitch it persuasively to a panel, developing exceptional communication and team-working skills.



Our Maths focus for Term 1 centres on building a solid understanding of numbers. In Numeracy, P5/6 will dive deep into Place Value, learning to read, write, order, and partition massive numbers using our Glasgow Counts frameworks. Under our Maths heading, the children will apply these skills to practical concepts. They will learn how to round numbers efficiently to estimate answers quickly, and we will explore how the number line extends past zero into negative numbers using real-world examples like temperatures.



Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please make sure your child is wearing a comfortable PE kit. They should also bring **soft-soled, non-marking trainers**. This helps to protect the school hall floor and ensures that children have suitable, comfortable footwear for PE activities. These shoes They should not wear earrings or any jewellery. In PE, we will be focusing on

Our PATHS lessons this term will focus on building self-esteem and strengthening classroom relationships. As a composite P5/6 class, the children will spend time exploring their unique personal qualities and learning how to support one another as a cohesive team. We will also be starting our "Pupil of the week" system, encouraging the children to share meaningful compliments and foster a culture of kindness and respect in our room.



RERC

Our focus for Term 1 is building our classroom community and understanding our unique gifts from God. We will explore what it means to belong to a faith community and how we can show kindness to others. We will share stories about friendship and making good choices.

We look forward to a wonderful term of growth, learning, and faith together.



Expressive Arts

Our Expressive Arts this term are tied closely to our Victorian topic. In Art, we will learn about tone by creating dramatic charcoal drawings of Victorian scenes. In Drama, the children will use role-play and freeze-frames to experience what life was like for children in the past. In music, we will explore rhythm and beat. Our P6 pupils will have the opportunity to work directly with the visiting drum teacher this term!



Languages

In Spanish this term, the children will be learning how to take part more independently in simple conversations and everyday transactions. The pupils will work on developing these listening and talking skills by exchanging personal information orally. They will also work on understanding and responding to various questions with increasing confidence, accuracy, and spontaneous language.



STEAM

This term in STEAM we will be taking part in an exciting project created by Glasgow University. We will be learning all about plants and how they transport water, how leaf cells are organised, and how plants "breathe". We will conduct experiments and use our science, maths, and digital skills to record our findings.



SHANARRI



Pupil Voice

SHANARRI helps us think about children and young people's wellbeing through eight areas: **Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included**. We use **pupil voice** to make sure children, and young people have a say in what wellbeing means to them and what they feel they need to thrive. Their ideas, experiences and feedback help us shape activities, priorities and support across the school, ensuring that our approach to SHANARRI is informed by the children themselves. We will continue to update you on this throughout the year.



Celebrating Wider Achievements

Please use this form to share any wider achievements that your child would like to be recognised and celebrated at a school assembly. These could include successes outside of school such as sports, arts, clubs, hobbies, volunteering, or any personal milestones they are proud of.

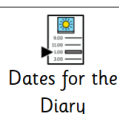


We are delighted to share that our school is working in partnership with Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) to further enhance Health and Wellbeing across our school community.

Through this collaboration, we are reviewing and developing our outdoor spaces to ensure they promote active, creative and inclusive play for all children. We are also looking at how our playground can better reflect children's voices and interests.

Outdoor play is a vital part of children's wellbeing. It supports confidence, teamwork, problem-solving and positive mental health. By working with Outdoor Play and Learning, we are strengthening our whole-school approach to ensuring every child has access to safe, stimulating and meaningful outdoor experiences every day.

We look forward to sharing updates with you as this exciting work progresses.



Dates for the Diary

- ❖ Mainstream Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 26th August 3:15pm – 3:45pm
- ❖ First Friday Mass led by P7W – Friday 4th September 1:30pm
- ❖ Maths Week – 21st – 25th September
- ❖ Parents Night – Wednesday 23rd September
- ❖ September Weekend – school closed on Friday 25th September and Monday 28th September
- ❖ 8th September
- ❖ First Friday Mass led by P7K – Friday 2nd October 1:30pm
- ❖ School closed on Friday 9th October – in service day
- ❖ School closed 12th – 16th October – October week. School reopens on Monday 19th October

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