



St. John's Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Primary
1/2/3

Date: November 2024 – March 2025

Please read this edition of our newsletter detailing some of the main points of learning in the coming weeks.

LITERACY AND ENGLISH

Primary 1

Pupils are continuing to learn their initial sounds using Active Literacy and will be introduced to joined phonemes (two of more letters together that make one sound). They are using magnetic letters and the 5 Finger Approach to phonics. They will continue with Rigby Star Pink Level.

Primary 2

Pupils are continuing to learn new joined phonemes, some making the same sound but a different letter representation (e.g. ee and ea for leaf). They will continue Rigby Star Yellow/Blue Level and show their understanding such as summarising, through Read to Write tasks

Primary 3

Learners continue to learn new sounds and tricky Common Words using a variety of spelling strategies. They will continue with Rigby Star Gold Level books, moving onto White.

Talk for Writing

Primary 1 and 2 will be using Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers as our model text this term. We will explore what a journey story is and using "Magpie Words" to create our own story.

Primary 3s will be working with P3/4/5/6 this term in Writing.

Helpful hints to support learning at home -

- Read to your child as much as possible.
- Practice their sounds daily.

NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS

Primary 1

Learners will continue with the concept of addition and move onto subtraction, learning different strategies to calculate these. They will then build on their number work by reading, writing and counting numbers to 20.

Primary 2

Once subtraction to 20 is complete, learners will move onto numbers to 100. They will be introduced to a hundred square and familiarising themselves with counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Primary 3

Learner will continue with addition up to 100 and move onto subtraction, multiplication and division. They will use a variety of concrete materials to show understanding of their written number work and mental arithmetic.

WIDER MATHS

Money and Time

Helpful hints to support learning at home -

- Play number and counting games.
- Identify and discuss numbers in the environment and what they mean, e.g. road signs, prices in shops etc.
- Ask your child some simple mental calculations.

INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING

People, Place and Environment

European Countries

Whole School Vertical Topic

Helpful Hints to support learning at home –

- Show your child a map of Europe
- Discuss if they have been to any European countries and how it is different from Scotland

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL
IF YOU CAN HELP WITH ANY
ASPECT OF LEARNING –
RESOURCES, SPEAKERS, IDEAS.
ALL WELCOME!