



St. John's Primary School

# Curriculum Newsletter

**Primary  
5/6/7**

**TERM 1: AUG - NOV 2025**

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

## LITERACY AND ENGLISH

- In Talk for Writing, we are focussing on Imaginative/Functional Writing – Portal Stories/ Newspaper/ Diary Extracts.
- In Handwriting, we are revising formation of lower and upper-case letters, proportion and joins.
- We are continuing to use Active Spelling Strategies to revise/learn new spelling patterns.
- Extending our knowledge of Grammar through T4W Short Burst grammar activities.
- We are developing our Higher Order Reading skills and comprehension through our Class Novels:
  - The Thief Lord/The Eleventh Orphan (P6/7)
  - The Demon Headmaster/Kaspar: Prince of Cats/Emily's Surprising Voyage (P5)
- Library/Reading for Enjoyment:
- Developing listening/talking/presentation skills through class discussions and presentations/talks.

### Helpful hints to support learning at home

- Read and discuss books.
- Practise spelling words in a fun way e.g. rainbow writing/pyramid writing
- Encourage your child to write at home and read what they write.
- Also, practise handwriting together.
- Encourage your child in conversations to listen and respond appropriately.

## NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS

### Number

- Place Value: Whole numbers
- Rounding and Estimating
- Addition: Mental/written methods

### Shape, Position, Movement

- Properties of 2D Shapes and 3D objects

### Helpful hints to support learning at home

- Continue to help practise times tables and number bonds mentally in a variety of ways at home.
  - Identify and discuss large numbers in the environment.
- Discuss 2D Shapes and 3D objects at home and in the environment.

## Religious and Moral Education

### The Bible/Weekly Gospels

### The Mass

### Prayer and Decision Making

### Mary – Month of October

### The Faithful Departed – Nov

### Scottish/Celtic Faith Heritage

### Helpful hints to support learning at home

- Discuss with your child stories from the Bible/New Testament
- Encourage your children to take part in Parish Mass/services
- Support and work with your child if they are participating in Pope Francis Faith Award.

## Curriculum Areas

### IDL/ Inquiry Based Learning:

The Scottish Community Café

### HWB Themes:

Growth Mindset/ Healthy/Safe/Respected

### Art and Design:

Op Art/ Art and Architecture of Venice

### Science:

Biological Systems: The Human Body

### Helpful hints to support learning at home :

Discuss with your child what they are learning in their topics. Support your child with completing homework tasks.

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