



Our Lady of the Annunciation

Primary 4/3 Term 1 Curricular Newsletter



Literacy



- In Listening and Talking, P4/3 will be developing their confidence in sharing ideas and answering questions during class discussions. The children will also practise listening carefully to others, taking turns and working cooperatively in pairs and groups to share their thoughts and ideas.
- This term in Writing, Primary 4/3 pupils will explore character and setting descriptions. The children will be developing their writing by using capital letters and full stops correctly and choosing interesting adjectives to describe characters and settings in more detail.
- Within Reading, the children will be exploring Blooms Taxonomy as a means of developing deeper learning and encouraging them to become confident, independent thinkers. We will be supporting their understanding of what they have read within their reading books as well as non-fiction books as they research The Ancient Egyptians.

Numeracy and Maths



- This term in Numeracy, P3 will be developing their understanding of numbers to 1000, including place value, ordering, estimating and rounding. They will also be building confidence with addition and subtraction, doubling and halving, the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and finding simple fractions of amounts. P4 will be exploring and working with numbers to 1000, strengthening their understanding of place value, number bonds, rounding and times tables. They will also develop their skills in addition and subtraction with larger numbers, multiplication, problem solving and working with fractions.
- In Mathematics, the children will develop their knowledge of 2D shapes to either 6 or 10 sides as well as describing their properties. Using this knowledge, the children will recognise and create symmetrical shapes/patterns with at least 1 line of symmetry. Practical activities will be provided for creating tiling patterns with one or more 2D shapes. Compass points and clockwise/anticlockwise directions will also be explored.

Interdisciplinary Learning

- This term, children will explore the Social Studies topic of The Egyptians which will see research, investigations, presentations, creativity and a lot of fun learning.
- Technology lessons will bring learning to life as the children will use their new knowledge of the Egyptians to solve design problems.
- Twice a week, P4/3 will be using iPads to develop their numeracy skills with Magma Maths, a high-quality maths learning app.



Health and Wellbeing

- In PE, Primary 4 pupils will focus on the development of Football, Netball and Rugby skills with the support of Niamh, our PEPASS Team apprentice.
- Our Health and Wellbeing focus will be on UN Rights of the Child along with our responsibility to ensure we respect the rights of others.
- We will identify our similarities and celebrate our differences as we create new friendships in the class.



Religious Education

- This term, P4/3 will be learning more about God's love for us and how we can follow the example of Jesus in the choices we make and the way we treat others. Through prayer, Bible stories and participation in the life of the Church, the children will continue to develop their understanding of their Catholic faith and how they can live it out in their everyday lives.
- In Laudato Si, P4/3 will be learning about the Season of Creation, exploring how God calls us to care for our common home, use resources such as water responsibly, and think about practical ways in which we can care for and protect our world.



Opportunities for Personal Achievement/ Community Contribution

- Primary 4/3 made a great start to the school year as they took part in the OLA Pupil Council Elections. It was lovely to see so many children put themselves forward to stand as prospective candidates. Their speeches were fabulous and every candidate should be proud of their efforts. The children enjoyed casting their votes in the election.
- Well done to Innes and Charlie our Pupil Councillors for this year.



How you can help your child at home

- Please read regularly with your child and discuss the punctuation used to help improve expression, fluency and understanding.
- Supporting your child to complete their homework each week will enable them to practise and improve the skills developed in class.
- Mrs Dunne & Mrs McGoldrick look forward to sharing in your child's learning journey throughout the year! Please share their achievements with us!

