



Senior Deaf Class Newsletter

Term 1



Welcome back to St Roch's! My name is Miss Muscroft and I am very pleased to be your teacher with support from Miss Molloy and Mrs Wayt (SfLW). This letter contains important information about your child's learning this term, please read it carefully.

Language

In Reading, we will develop our reading skills using our school reading programme and additional texts linked to our topics. We will focus on reading comprehension and building confidence when reading a variety of texts.

In writing, we will create texts linked to our class topic, 'This is Me', and book studies. We will continue to practise and develop our knowledge of vocabulary, spelling, grammar and punctuation throughout our writing. We will be exploring a variety of writing styles.

In Talking and Listening, we will focus on strengthening our good communication skills, especially when working collaboratively, following instructions, and communicating respectfully with our peers and teachers.

Mathematics

This term, we will review and develop our understanding of Place Value. This includes: understanding the value of each digit in numbers of up to at least 10,000, reading and writing numbers up to at least 10,000, understanding the value of 0 as a place holder, sequencing and comparing numbers, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will use the four number operations and apply them to our problem solving skills. We will revise and expand our mathematical language.

Health and Wellbeing (HWB): Senior Deaf Class will be learning about school/classroom routines and responsibilities. We will explore the UNCRC Rights of the Child and how to respect and uphold these rights for ourselves and others. We will also explore our emotions with a focus on identifying, expressing and regulating them in ways that are healthy and constructive. This is closely linked to our current class Topic, 'This is Me'.

The school will continue to use the House Point system that was introduced last year. P7 children will have the opportunity to apply to be House Captains and Vice Captains. We ask that the children are encouraged to follow the school and class rules, remembering to adhere to the school FAITH Values. Class Dojo points will be used to promote positive behaviour in class.

Topic:

We will be learning more about ourselves and each other through our 'This is Me' topic and book study of 'Something Else' which teaches us the importance of showing acceptance and kindness to all. We have created a Class Charter together which highlights the schools' FAITH Values and the positive expectations we have of each other to ensure everyone is safe, happy and ready to learn.

Outdoor Learning/PE

PE days are **Wednesday and Thursday**. Your child should bring a PE kit in a bag to be kept in school for PE days, and then taken home for washing. Children will change clothes in school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths): We will explore the world around us using prediction, observation and classification skills.

Religious Education: The children will continue to learn about world religions, their culture and practices to coincide with a variety of religious and cultural celebrations throughout the year. We hope to visit different places of worship and encourage the children to share their experiences with their peers.

Homework

Seesaw and **Sumdog** will be the main platforms used for homework. The children's school-issued iPads will be returned to them shortly for use in class and at home. *Further information about homework and iPads will be sent separately.*

Audiology

Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct hearing equipment. If there is a problem with aids/ processors, please let us know immediately and inform the hospital if necessary. Your child will have audiology targets in class to help them value and become responsible for their hearing equipment. This can only be achieved when their equipment is in good working order and worn on a regular basis.

Reminders

- All pupils are expected to follow the school rules at all times. This is especially important for senior pupils as they are role models for younger children in the school.
- In class, only drinking water is permitted. Fruit juices can be consumed at break and lunch times but not in class. Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not permitted at all.
- Uniform - Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named to allow for easy return if misplaced.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact the school office or send a note to class with your child.

Best wishes,

Miss Muscroft and Miss Molloy (Class Teachers)