



# *St. Francis Primary School*

## *P.2 Newsletter – November/December 2019*



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.2 newsletter.

We are now well settled into term 2 and making good progress with our learning.

Please talk to your child about their learning and this will help them reinforce the work we are doing in class .

Please remember to get in touch if you have any questions.



### Literacy

P2 will continue to read their Bug Club readers, focusing on oral questioning and understanding.



In phonics we will be learning about long vowel sounds, adjectives, common and proper nouns.

The children will continue to practise letter formation and are being encouraged to write words such as their name and words they can make from their phonic work. Please encourage your child to practise forming letters accurately to improve their handwriting.

We will be focusing on the importance of capital letters, full stops and connectives in writing and will be writing letters to Santa!

We will be developing our **talking and listening skills** by taking part in a variety of discussions. This will help us work co-operatively as part of a group.

### Numeracy

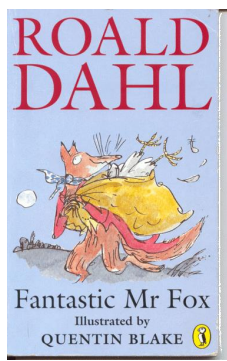
A very important part of numeracy work is recognising numbers and their use in the environment.

We will be learning about:

#### **P.2:**

- addition & subtraction within 20
- numbers bonds to 20
- numbers to 100 - sequencing, ordering, larger and smaller numbers, before, after and between.
- time - o'clock and half past.

## Interdisciplinary Learning – Fantastic Mr Fox/ Nocturnal Animals,



We have been reading Roald Dahl's 'Fantastic Mr Fox'.

What made the farmers wild with rage? What did the invitations to Mr Fox's amazing feast look like? What animals sleep during the day and come out at night? What are the differences between the nice characters and the not so nice ones? These are just some of the activities we have been doing and lots more super lessons using Literacy, Health and Well-being, Numeracy, Technologies, PATHS and Expressive Arts.

## St Andrew's Day and Christmas

We will be finding out more about our Scottish customs and traditions and will be having great fun learning energetic Scottish Country Dancing. Please encourage the children to talk about well known places they have visited in Scotland.

We will also be exploring Christmas traditions and customs and learning how **ADVENT** is the time we prepare for the birth of The Baby Jesus.

### Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes which will enable them to make healthy choices in life.

We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Monday a.m. and Thursday.p.m.**

During this term the children will be learning about:

*Rights & Responsibilities*

*Fire Safety*

*Friendships - getting along - taking turns*

*Anti-bullying*

*Litter busting*



### R.E. – following the Gospel Values

P.2 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

The focus for this term will be; Bible stories, - The Christmas Story

November - All Saints, Holy Souls, & St. Andrew.

Prayers - Sign of the Cross, Our Father & Hail Mary.

Our journey through Advent will help us prepare for the birth of Jesus - The Nativity.

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The children will participate in celebrating mass and will learn mass responses.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings.

We will be learning simple new hymns.

