



St. Francis Primary School



P.3 Newsletter – November/December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.3's Newsletter. We are now well into term 2 and are making good progress with our learning.

I hope this newsletter gives you a feel for what your children will be learning until Christmas and I would be grateful if you could encourage this learning through talking and supporting your child as much as possible.

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

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Literacy



Reading

This term, we will continue to use Bug Club. Our focus will be on developing greater understanding of a text using reading strategies such as; **predicting, questioning, visualising and summarising!** We will also continue reading aloud with fluency and expression.

Reading is an imperative part of a child's learning and so I would encourage you, as much as possible, to promote reading at home.

Talking and Listening

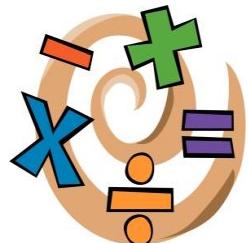
We will continue to develop our **talking and listening** skills by participating in reciprocal reading and cooperative learning. Children will be encouraged to think about eye contact and listening when others are speaking.

Writing

Please encourage your child to practise forming and joining letters accurately to improve their handwriting.

Our writing focus this term will be writing **instructions**. Perhaps you could draw your child's attention to recipes and the language they use to help people make things.

Maths



We will continue to revise, practice and consolidate place value this term.

Our main areas of focus this will be:

- Addition and subtraction using different strategies
- Sequencing numbers forwards and backwards
- Compass points and grid references
- 3D Shape

Please look for opportunities to practise these skills in everyday life.

Expressive Arts

The children will be participating in lots of Expressive Arts this term. They will be creating crafts to sell at the Christmas Fete and making Christmas cards and decorations.

The children will also be learning songs for St Andrew's Celebrations and, of course, the Christmas Nativity!



Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes which will enable them to make healthy choices in life. All children should take part in P.E. on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays**.

During this term the children will be learning about; relationships and friendships, bully proofing the school and our families. They will continue to learn about their feelings through the PATHS programme.



R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P.3 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings as we identify and explain the connection with our St Francis' school values. Children are becoming more confident in identifying the message behind the gospel and relating to this their own lives.

During the month of November, we will be praying for all those who have died. In December we will focus on learning about how we can grow closer to God, particularly in the lead up to Advent and Christmas.



Home practice Schedule

Monday: Reading book practice and phonics/spelling

Tuesday: Re-read reading book pages and maths homework

Wednesday: Common words reading and spelling/phonics homework

Thursday: Reading book practice and tricky spelling words