



# St. Francis Primary School



## P.5 Newsletter – November / December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.5's Newsletter. During this term we will be trying to become more **independent** learners.



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

Home-learning is given to reinforce what the children are learning in the classroom. Details can be found in the table in the homework jotters. Please hand in by each **FRIDAY**.

Please remember to contact the school if you have any questions.

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### Language

#### Reading

This term, we will continue to use Bug Club. Our focus will be on reading with fluency and expression. We will also be learning to read the text carefully to enable us to answer literal and inferential questions about the text.



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. Please talk to your child about their reading targets.

#### Talking and Listening

We will continue to develop our talking and listening skills by participating in reciprocal reading and cooperative learning.

#### Writing

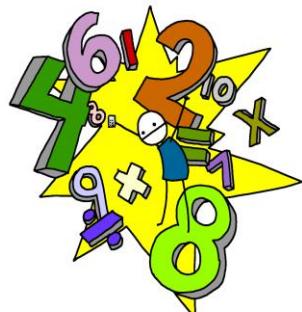
Through our Active Literacy Programme, we are working to improve our writing skills. We will focus on **instructional writing** and **seasonal poetry**. Children are encouraged to use core targets during any piece of writing. This also helps to inform them of their next steps.

### Maths

We will be revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division - please practise number bonds and multiplication tables at home every evening.

We will be learning about:

- Symmetry
- Measure
- Choosing strategies to improve mental agility
- dividing including division with remainders



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

## Expressive Arts

The children will be participating in a wide variety of Expressive Arts activities this term. They will be creating crafts to sell at the Christmas Fete.

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

P5 have a specialist music teacher this term who will work with the class every Monday. They will work on musical notation, rhythm and beat, instruments, performing and composing.



## Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes so they can make healthy choices in life. We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

They will continue to learn about their feelings through the PATHs programme.

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Tuesday & Wednesday**

During this term the children will be learning about;

## *Relationships/friendships*

## Stranger Danger

## *Anti-bullying*



## R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P.5 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

November - Holy Souls, Remembrance Sunday, St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Andrew.

We will journey through Advent to Christmas.

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

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

We will be revising and learning a variety of new hymns.

