



# St. Francis' Primary School



P6 Newsletter – November 2019



**P6 and Mrs Docherty**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

P6 are demonstrating commitment and determination in all aspects of their learning. We have been working at quite a fast pace in our Numeracy work and have covered aspects of fractions and decimals. As we use the same jotter for both classwork and homework, it is important that your child refers to that day's learning prior to beginning homework task. I have been really impressed with the way in which the children remember the importance of asking for help when they are unsure. Here the children recognise themselves as **Learners** and take on the responsibility of seeking further clarification. This is going to be an action-packed year where P6 will challenge themselves in lots of different ways!

This term P6 will continue to demonstrate their thinking whilst reading as this is what good reading is all about. In addition, we are creating questions for each of our main characters. The class are learning all about **Literal** and **Inferential** questions and their effectiveness. I really appreciate the support you give the children in ensuring that their reading homework is both read aloud and discussed. Together we can support the children in fully engaging with their novel.


In our class we enjoy **writing** about what we have already **read** and **discussed**. This provides us with different ideas which helps to bring more detail to our written tasks. The children are growing in confidence in their ability to not only explain their ideas but also to justify their opinions. It is important that the children get opportunities to disagree with one another and learn how to handle such situations.

I continue to be extremely proud of the progress the children are making in **Reading, Writing, Talking** and **Listening** and am excited for the many challenges which lie ahead.

We are very excited about this year's **Literacy Week**, which will begin on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme is **Myths and Legends**.

Each class will investigate a different Myth/Legend and will engage in a variety of cross-curricular lessons.



I am sure you will have been impressed so far by what your child has been learning in Numeracy. We are currently working on multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. This will pay dividends when the children move onto working out 1%-9% of an amount. We will be looking at 'Budgeting at Christmas' which is something which we are all interested in !! 

Maths homework should only take about 30 mins and should be completely stress free. If your child is unsure then please stop and I will go over it with them the following day.

## Interdisciplinary Learning – Pinocchio/Italy

P6 will continue to be immersed in cross-curricular activities based on their novel, Pinocchio by Michael Morpurgo. We will look at -

- *Different types of whales that live in the ocean.*
- *Different sources of water.*
- *Water Cycle.*
- *ICT - spreadsheets/Excel*
- *Italy*



### Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes and to 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 & Thursday**

It is important that P6 ensure they bring a full P.E kit on both days.



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

P6 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings and parables 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 their own lives.

Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and begins on **Sunday, December 1st.**

