



# St. Francis Primary School



## P.4 Newsletter – January / March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.4's Newsletter. We are now into term 3 and are making good progress with our learning.

I hope this newsletter gives you a feel for what your children will be learning 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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### Language

**Reading**- We will be using a novel this term as our main focus for reading. We will particularly concentrate on reading aloud with increasing fluency as well as trying to develop a greater understanding of reading for information.

We will also continue to develop a fuller comprehension of a text by using reading strategies such as;

**PREDICTING, QUESTIONING, CLARIFYING** and **SUMMARISING** and consistently make reference to our visible reading targets. Reading is an imperative part of a child's learning therefore I would encourage you, as much as possible, to promote reading at home.

**Spelling** - We will continue to work on our spelling phonemes and will be learning new ones as part of the Active Literacy Programme.

**Writing** -, We will continue to work to improve our writing skills. The focus this term is

**Instructional Writing**. Children will use their core writing targets during all writing activities

Please encourage your child to practise forming letters accurately to improve their handwriting as we continue to join our letters.

### Maths

We will be revising **addition, subtraction, multiplication** and **division** 2 and 3 digit numbers - please practise number bonds and multiplication tables at home.

Our main areas of focus this term will be:

- Money
- Multiplication
- Choosing strategies to improve mental agility
- HTU addition and subtraction with and without carrying and exchanging.

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



## Interdisciplinary Learning – Harry potter and the Philosopher's stone.

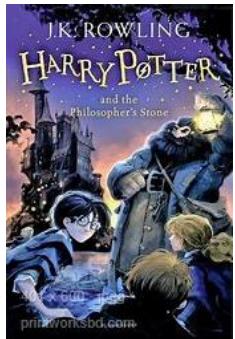
This term our Interdisciplinary Topic will be linked to our class novel.

We will be using and developing skills from a variety of subjects such as Literacy, ICT, Science, Social Subjects, Art & Design and Health and Wellbeing etc.

We will learn about the author of this novel and how she came to write such a well-loved series of books.

I know many of the children are already big Harry Potter fans and will be excited to get started on this topic.

It's going to be a truly magical time in Primary 4 this term!



## 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.

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

During this term the children will be learning about:

- how to make healthy choices – medicines, drugs & smoking
- how to keep safe – Emergencies
- how to have a healthy diet
- how to make sure you have a healthy, growing body



## R.E. – following the Gospel Values

P.4 will follow the '***This Is Our Faith***' syllabus.

This is a very special year for us as we prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist.

The focus for this term will be;

- preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**
- Lent/Easter

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

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

