



St. Francis Primary School

P.3 Newsletter – January / March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.3's Newsletter. Everyone has settled back after the holidays, keen to learn!

I hope this gives you a flavour of what P.3 will be learning about and I would be grateful if you could talk to your child about their learning to support and reinforce the work we are doing in class.

Please check your child's plastic folder for homework and letters on a daily basis.

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

You can also follow Primary 3 on twitter- @instfrancis

Mrs McDowell



Language

Primary 3 will continue to learn new phonemes each week using a variety of Active Literacy strategies. Children will be encouraged to **say, make /break, blend, read and write** words with their taught phoneme.

Each week children will also learn to read and write common words to help with story writing.

Children will continue using the Bug Club reading scheme and will have reading homework each week. Please read every night and encourage your child to talk about their book and the focus for their reading. **(Please return books daily)**.

This term we will be focusing on **answering literal and inferential questions**.

Through our writing programme we continue to improve our **writing skills**. This term we will continue to focus on our core targets using capital letters, full stops and joining words. Our writing focus this term will be **Instructions and Reports**.

As the children write at home please encourage them to practise forming letters accurately and encourage to hold their pencils correctly. **NIP-FLIP-GRIP**



Maths

Our main areas of focus this term will be:

- Adding & subtracting HTU with carrying & exchanging
- Introduction to Multiplication and Division, Times Tables (2,3,4,5 & 10)
- Money
- Measure



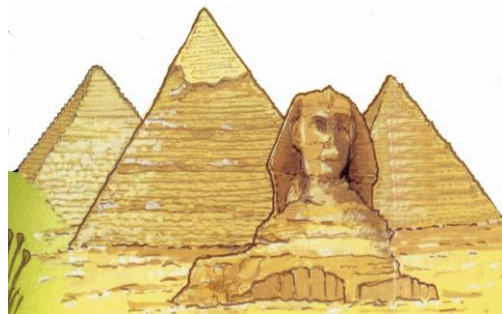
Please look for opportunities to practise these skills in everyday life.

Interdisciplinary Learning - Ancient Egypt

During this term we will be learning all about the Ancient Egyptians.

Here is an insight into some of their activities:

- Research Egyptian life
- Use maths skills for Hieroglyphic patterns
- Create Pyramids
- Design Egyptian jewellery
- Create Ancient Egyptian fact files



The children will use and develop skills from a variety of subjects including, Social Studies, Literacy, Maths, Geography, ICT, Art & Design and Technology.



Health & Wellbeing

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

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

During this term the children will be learning:

- *how to keep myself and others safe*
- *how to respond in an emergency situation*
- *about the purpose of medicine*



R.E. - following the Gospel Values

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

The focus for this term will be the life of Jesus.

Preparation for Lent and Easter

Prayers - The Rosary

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.



Homework Schedule: **Monday** – Reading Activity and Phonics/Spelling
Tuesday – Common words reading and Phonics/Spelling
Wednesday – Common Words Reading and Maths
Thursday – Tricky words spelling and Reading Activity