



St. Francis Primary School

P.5 Newsletter – September / October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.5's Newsletter. Everyone has settled well and we are all keen to learn! I hope this gives you a flavour of what P.5 will be learning. It would be beneficial if you could talk to your child after each school day about what they have learned, and this will help reinforce their learning.



Home-learning is also 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.

Miss O'Malley

You can also follow Primary 5 on Twitter - @SPPrimary5

Language

We will be continuing to **read** our Bug Club readers and learning to recognise a variety of common words. We will focus on reading aloud with increasing fluency and also develop a greater understanding of reading for information.



We have reading targets that will be sent home to help us with various aspects of our reading.

As part of our Active Literacy programme we are working to improve our **writing** skills. We will be learning to use nouns, verbs and adjectives in our writing and we will be focussing on the narrative genre of writing.

Please encourage your child to practise forming letters accurately to improve their handwriting. They should now be joining their letters.

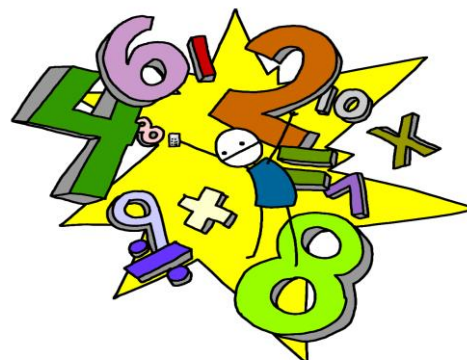
We will be developing our **talking and listening** skills by having class discussions based on our class novel 'This Morning I Met A Whale', alongside class debates.

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:

- Rounding and estimation
- Place value to 9999
- Time
- Choosing strategies to improve mental agility



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

Interdisciplinary Learning - This Morning I Met A Whale

P5 will be learning all about the novel 'This Morning I Met A Whale' by Michael Morpurgo. It will provide the context for children to develop a range of skills from a variety of subjects including, Social Subjects, ICT, Literacy, Science, Art & Design, Technology, Global Sustainability etc.

Children will explore:

- Different types of whales.
- Sustainability.
- What they can do to help the planet become greener.
- What is happening to life in the ocean that is being impacted by water-pollution.
- Finding organisations that aim to protect the oceans' ecosystems.

.....and much more.

Health & Wellbeing

As part of our return to school this year, we have a large emphasis on Health and Wellbeing in response to the current global situation. Our main priority is for all pupils to feel safe, happy and nurtured. We also would like for 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 – Miss O'Malley

Thursday - Mrs Kelly

During this term, children will focus on outdoor games. They will also walk a daily mile within the school grounds whenever the weather permits.

The children will also be learning about Children's Rights and being safe in the playground.



R.E. - following the Gospel Values

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

As part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion they will be continuing on from previous learning.

We will be focussing on,

- Bible Stories - Creation, The Passover, Lord's Supper and Eucharist.
- Mass responses and listening to hymns as we are unable to sing them.
- Learning new prayers including, the Grace before and after meals prayers and the Morning Offering.
- Eucharist Adoration and Prayer.

The children will participate in celebrating mass (virtually), in preparation for their First Holy Communion.

