



# *St. Francis Primary School*

## *P.2 Newsletter – September / October 2020*



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to P.2's newsletter. Everyone has settled in well. We are all keen to learn, have fun and begin a new school year! I am getting to know your wonderful children and we are going to have a great year. I hope this gives you a flavour of what P.2 will be learning. I would be grateful if you would talk to your child about their learning so as to help them to reinforce the work we are doing in class.

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

You can also follow Primary 2 on twitter **@Mrs\_Deveney**

*Mrs Deveney*



### Literacy

The children will be using an Active Literacy programme to revise and learn new phonics and spelling words for P2.

They will use active literacy strategies to learn their spelling words weekly e.g. **say, make/break, blend, read** and **write** words using new sounds, make new words using the magnetic letters and boards and learn to write dictated words and sentences. We will all be learning to recognise core and common words for our new reading books and start to use some Reciprocal Reading Strategies e.g. Predicting, Clarifying, Questioning and Summarising.

Through the "Active Literacy" programme, we are working to improve our narrative writing skills and develop our writing, thinking about characters, setting and using descriptive vocabulary.

We will also be developing our Talking & Listening skills by participating in class discussions, listening to others without interruption, asking interesting and relevant questions, turn-taking and generally, developing a more reflective approach to our learning.



### Numeracy

A very important part of numeracy work is recognising numbers and their use in the environment e.g. house numbers, clocks, car registrations etc.

We will be learning to:

- Read and write numbers to 50.
- Count on and backwards to 50.
- Add and subtract within 20.
- Recognise and name of 2D and 3D shapes.



## Interdisciplinary Learning – Mr Men and Little Miss



During this term we will be using and developing skills from a variety of subject areas such as Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Social Subjects, Art & Design etc. to learn about 'The Mr Men and Little Miss Characters'. The children are enjoying finding out about these characters. We will be discussing their names - Mr Happy, Mr Worry, Little Miss Chatterbox, Mr Bump and looking at the meanings behind their names - worry, anxiety, happy, sad and using Paths and the Rights of the Child, we will build our class charter together and develop our Health and Wellbeing. We will read several stories from the Mr Men and Little Miss series, summarise the plots and look at links between events e.g. Mr Bump not following rules, Mr Worry sharing his problems with friends. We will sequence key points of the stories, make predictions, track a particular character and notice ways that they change and react and try to create our own Mr Man or Little Miss based on us.

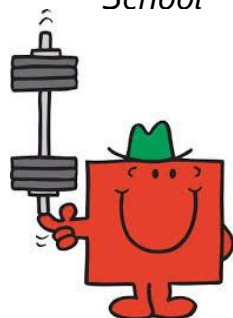
### Health & Wellbeing

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 – **Monday & Wednesday**

During this term the children will be learning about;

*Rights & Responsibilities – School  
/Class charters  
Safety in the school and  
playground  
Being a good friend  
Hand/toilet hygiene*



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

P.2 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

The focus for this term will be; Bible stories, I am special, I am unique, God's love for His children and friendships

October – Feast of St. Francis – Devotion to Mary

Prayers – Hail Mary and Our Father.

The children will continue to learn mass responses.

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

