



St. Francis Primary School



P.1b Newsletter - September/October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.1's Newsletter. Everyone has settled well and we are all keen to learn! I hope this gives you an idea of what P.1 will be learning about this term and would be grateful if you would talk to your child about their learning to help them reinforce the work we are doing in class.

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

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Literacy

- Primary 1 will be learning to recognise single sounds using a selection of Active Literacy strategies. Children are also learning to form letters correctly using a variety of materials, e.g. whiteboards, paint, playdoh etc.
- As the children write at home, please encourage them to practise forming letters accurately and to hold their pencils correctly. **NIP-FLIP-GRIP**
- Children will be encouraged to **say, make/break, blend, read** and **write** CVC words, e.g. *sit, can, pad* etc. using magnetic letters.
- Each week children will also learn to read and write common words to help us with our story writing.
- Primary 1 will be reading a variety of books to develop their understanding of printed text. Children will be encouraged to discuss the story and the pictures, predict what might happen next.
- They will also be developing their talking and listening skills by taking part in class discussions.

Numeracy

A very important part of the numeracy work will be recognising numbers in the environment e.g. house numbers, clocks, car registrations etc.

Primary 1 will be learning to:

- read and write numbers to 10.
- count on and backwards to 20.
- give a quantity accurately
- count objects accurately.
- recognise and say the days, months & seasons
- recognise and name 2D and 3D shape.



Interdisciplinary Learning - Under the Sea

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

Here are some activities the children will be involved in.

- Reading a variety of sea-themed books
- Learn some sea songs song.
- Sort sea creatures.
- A variety of sea creature art work
- Under the sea role play-ocean creatures.
- Numbers under the sea themed.
- Learning about different sea animals and their habitats.



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 - **Tuesday am & Wednesday pm.**

During this term the children will be learning about;

- *Rights & Responsibilities - School /Class charters*
- *Safe play in the playground*
- *Making new friends*
- *Being a good friend*
- *Hand/toilet hygiene*
- *Internet safety*

We will be using our PATHS programme to focus on classroom rules and feelings.

R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P.1b will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

The focus for this term will be; Bible stories - *God's Wonderful World*

October - Feast of St.Francis - Devotion to Mary

Prayers - Sign of the Cross, Morning prayer, lunch prayer and evening prayer.

The children will participate in celebrating mass (virtually) and will learn mass responses.

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

We will be learning simple new hymns.

