



St. Francis Primary School

P.4 Newsletter – September/October 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to P.4's Term One Newsletter. Everyone has settled in well and we are all keen to learn! I hope this gives you an idea of what P.4 will be learning about this term and we 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 if you have any questions.

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Literacy

- Primary 4 will learn to recognise various phonemes using a selection of Active Literacy Strategies. Children are also continuing to develop their cursive handwriting on a daily basis.
- As the children write at home, please encourage them to practise their cursive writing and presentation skills.
- Children will be encouraged to say, make/break, blend, read and write words using magnetic letters, further developing our spelling strategies.
- Each week children will be given Bug Club reading to practise at home and will be given the opportunity to read in class along with their peers.
- Primary 4 will have opportunities for 'Reading for Pleasure' and ERIC Time (Everyone Reading in Class) to help further develop their reading skills.
- They will also be developing their listening and talking skills by taking part in class discussions across the curriculum.
- This term, Primary 4 will have a focus on narrative writing.

Numeracy

This term, Primary 4 will be learning to:

- Understand the importance of 0 as a place holder
- Round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- Ordering numbers
- Continue to practise their times tables
- Identify properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects

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



Interdisciplinary Learning

The Vikings

We are working together to explore and investigate everything to do with the Vikings. We will investigate the important part they played in history, how the Vikings lived and compare their lives to ours in the modern world. There is so much to find out and we cannot wait to use a variety of Literacy, Health and Wellbeing, Numeracy, Science, Expressive Arts and Technologies to learn all we can about the Vikings.



Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes to enable them to make healthy choices in life. All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Monday and Wednesday**. Please ensure jewellery is removed for P.E. days.

During this term the children will be learning about the importance of being safe:

Rights & Responsibilities - School /class charters

Safe play in the playground

Being a good friend

Hand/toilet hygiene

Homework will be given on a Tuesday and to be returned on Monday.

This homework can be completed during the week or weekend - whatever suits you best.

However, it must be completed and returned by the following Monday.

Reading will also be sent home weekly.

R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P.3/4 will continue to follow the '**This Is Our Faith**' syllabus.

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The focus for this term will be God's gift of animals and plants; Bible Stories - Creation.

October - Feast of St. Francis

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.

