



# *St. Francis Primary School*

## *P2/1 Newsletter – September / October 2024*



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to P2/1's newsletter. It has been wonderful getting to know and working with your child the last couple of weeks. Everyone has settled in well and lots of new friendships have been made.

To help make hometime easier could all jumpers, jackets etc please be clearly labelled. It will help Madden and I to ensure everyone goes home with the correct belongings. We currently have a 26" blazer missing and a 24" one with no owner so we would greatly appreciate it if you could please check your child's blazer incase they have been mixed up.



We ask children to not bring in toys to school incase they get lost or broken.

An important date for your diary, *Primary 1 photographs will be taken on Thursday 5th September at 9am.*

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

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### Literacy P1

- 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 and predict what might happen next.
- They will also be developing their talking and listening skills by taking part in class discussions.

### Literacy P2

- *The children will be using an Active Literacy programme to revise and learn new phonics and spelling words for P2.*
- *They will be using a selection of Active Literacy strategies to form words and learn to write dictated words and sentences.*
- *Children will be encouraged to **say, make/break, blend, read** and **write** words containing their new sound.*
- *Each week children will also learn to read and write common words.*
- *Primary 2 will be reading a variety of books to develop their understanding of printed text. New reading books will be given out weekly and they will start to use some Reciprocal Reading Strategies e.g. Predicting, Clarifying, Questioning and Summarising.*
- *They will also be developing their talking and listening skills by taking part in class discussions.*
- *Through the "Active Literacy" programme, we are working to improve our narrative writing skills this term and to develop our writing, thinking about characters, setting and using descriptive vocabulary.*

## STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

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### Numeracy P1

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 shapes.



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

### Numeracy P2

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 - 100
- Count on and backwards to 50 - 100
- Recognise and name of 2D and 3D shapes
- Sequence days of the week, months of the year and seasons

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

### 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 will take part in 2 hours P.E. per week. Our class PE times are a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Our Thursday PE slot allows us the opportunity to go outside (weather permitting.) On that day your child can bring in plain joggers/leggings and outdoor trainers to wear.

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.

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## **R.E. - following the Gospel Values**

P2/1 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 and will learn mass responses.

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

We will be learning simple new hymns.

