



St. Francis Primary School

P.3/4 Newsletter – September/October



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to P. 3/4s Newsletter. Everyone has settled well and we are all keen to learn!

I hope this gives you a flavour of what P.3/4 will be learning. I would be grateful if you would talk to your child about their learning and 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 3 on Twitter – @stfrancisPGmsmc

Miss McLellan



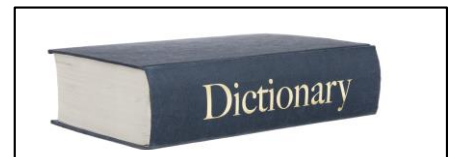
Language

We will **read** our BugClub readers focusing on learning to retell our stories and gaining fluency. We will also practise common words.

Through the 'Active Literacy' programme we are working to improve our narrative **writing skills**. We will continue to use capital letters, full stops and will introduce commas.

The children will be revising and learning new phonics and spelling words for P3/4. 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 spelling strategies e.g. 'Read, Cover, Write, Check' and learn to write dictated words and sentences.

We are also learning to use a dictionary.



Maths - Numeracy

Please help your child to practise recalling number bonds quickly and accurately every evening.

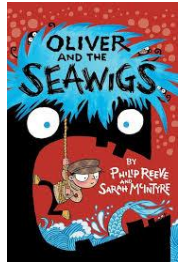
We will be learning how to:

- Place Value - hundreds, tens and units
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Time - half past, quarter past
- Symmetry
- Calculate Doubles and Near Doubles
- Number Patterns - counting in 2s, 5s, 10s



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

Interdisciplinary Learning



Our class novel is
Oliver and the Seawigs
by Sarah McIntyre and
Philip Reeve.

Under the Sea

We are working together to explore all things under the sea. We will investigate all living things during our topic from humans, animals and plants. There is so much to explore with under the sea 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 under the sea.

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.

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.

