



# St. Francis Primary School

## P.3/2 Newsletter – September/October 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the P.3/2 Newsletter. Everyone has settled well and we are all keen to learn!

I hope this gives you a flavour of what P.3/2 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 3/2 on Twitter – @StFrancisPGP3\_2

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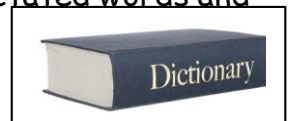


### Language

We will **read** our Bug Club/ORT Reading Books 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 new grammar e.g. commas, question marks? etc and always checking our core targets.

The children will be revising letter formation, learning new phonics and spelling words for P3 and 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 spelling strategies e.g. 'Read, Cover, Write, Check and learn to write dictated words and sentences. We are also learning to use a dictionary.

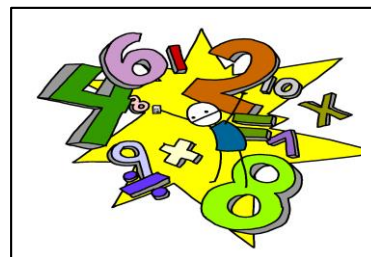


### Maths - Numeracy

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

We will be learning how to:

- say and write Number Bonds within 10/20
- Place Value
- Shape 2D/3D
- Count Forwards and Backwards to 30/50/100
- Calculate Doubles and Near Doubles
- Number Patterns - counting in 2s, 10s, Estimation & Rounding



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

## **Interdisciplinary Learning**

For the first couple of weeks in P3/2 we are going to read about Elmer the Elephant. Elmer teaches us that everyone is unique and has something that sets them apart from everyone else, and that there's no point in trying to hide or disguise this. We should embrace our differences and always be true to who we are.



What would your Superpower be?

How can the Hulk calm himself down when he starts to get a bit cross? How could Thor and Loki get along better? What sort of futuristic superhero gadgets can our class design? Be the next Stan Lee! We are going to create our own Superhero and superpowers. These and lots more super lessons using Literacy, Health and Well-being, Numeracy, Technologies, PATHS and Expressive Arts.

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 - **Wednesday & Friday** During this term the children will be learning about;

**Rights & Responsibilities - School /class charters**

**Safe play in the playground**

**Being a good friend**

**Hand/toilet hygiene**

**Homework will be given on a Monday and to be returned on Thursday**

Monday: Reading book practice and phonics/spelling e.g. new taught phoneme

Tuesday: Re-read reading book pages and maths homework

Wednesday: Read Common words/word wall on Handcard and re-read reading book.

Thursday: **Return Homework**  
**Please ensure Homework Folder is always in your child's school bag daily**  
**- we will be using the reading books in class during the week**

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

P.3/2 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.

