

# Primary 3/2 Newsletter - Term 1

## Literacy & English

In writing this term, we shall focus on description texts where we will describe the characteristics of people, places and things. Grammar will include learning about nouns, adjectives and present tense verbs to support this. Children will develop knowledge of phonics and their ability to spell common words using their knowledge of letter patterns, and spelling rules. They will use word banks, personal dictionaries and class dictionaries to help spell tricky or unfamiliar words. We will also continue to develop our reading skills – decoding words, using context clues and developing fluency. We will explore SHORS skills of prediction, summarising and visualising.

Spelling homework will be uploaded to Seesaw on Mondays. Home reading books will also be issued.

## Numeracy

This term we will focus on developing and extending our knowledge of place value and understanding the importance of zero as a place holder. We will also consolidate our knowledge of number bonds to support work on calculations involving addition & subtraction. There will also be opportunities to develop mental maths skills through number talks.

## Health & Wellbeing

This term we will create a Class Charter, linked to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and our school values, of faith, compassion, ambition and respect. As part of our mental resilience programme, we will be using the Treehouse health and wellbeing platform in class to support our social and emotional development. Lessons will focus on understanding that we all experience a variety of thoughts and emotions that affect how we feel and behave, and developing ways to manage them.

P.E. will be take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our focus this term will be getting back in the swing of things, re-establishing routines and games/fitness activities. Please ensure children have an appropriate change of clothes on these days.

## Religious & Moral Education

Children will celebrate Our Lady's birthday (8th September) and will learn Mass responses as they prepare to celebrate our Harvest Mass. They will be encouraged to show respect when praying and participating in a Church service.

Children will also be encouraged to take an active role in setting up our class Altar, leading class prayers and writing their own prayers.

## French

Children will revise how to say hello and goodbye in the French as well as extend their vocabulary to include more number words.

## Science & Technologies

Children will familiarise themselves with the layout of a keyboard on both iPads and laptops. They will also learn how to open a Microsoft Word document on a laptop and how to change the size and font of letters.

## Expressive Arts

**Art:** On Tuesday mornings, children will undertake a variety Art activities with Mrs Corkindale. During these lessons they will also create a piece of Nativity themed art to enable them to participate in the Cauliflower Card Project.

**Music:** Children will learn some Harvest themed hymns and songs to be sung at our Harvest Mass with Mr Kelly, our visiting music teacher.