



PRIMARY 1 NEWSLETTER

Literacy

P1 - Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of letter symbols and the corresponding letter sound. They will use magnetic letters and their phonological awareness as they build and read simple VC and CVC words. Children will complete a variety of play-based and written activities to develop their fine-motor skills and pencil control. They will be encouraged to mark-make as they share and underwrite their news before completing short pieces of independent writing.

P2 – Children will continue to develop their awareness of spelling patterns and ability to spell common words. They will use word banks, personal dictionaries, and class dictionaries to help spell tricky or unfamiliar words. Children will continue with PM writing as they create procedural texts. They will also continue to develop their reading skills – decoding words, using context clues, and developing fluency. We will explore SHORS skills of prediction, summarising, and visualising.



Numeracy

P1 - Children are developing their ability to recognise number symbols and count from 0-30. They are encouraged to recognise quantities by looking at the visual pattern. Number Talks are used to enable children to become confident when explaining the strategies they use to solve number problems. Children will identify, name, and talk about the properties of 2D/3D shapes.

P2 – Children will develop their ability to recognize numbers to 121, counting forwards and backwards. They will further their understanding of place value as they record and solve vertical addition and subtraction. Children will revise their knowledge of 2D/3D shapes and continue to explore ways of gathering, recording, and interpreting data.

Religious & Moral Education

As part of our Parish Festival, children will learn Mass responses and celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Parish. They will learn hymns to sing both at Mass and at the Parish Concert (24th September). Children will celebrate Our Lady's birthday (8th September) by praying and creating pieces of artwork to display at the church. Children will listen and respond to Bible Stories and continue to learn their daily prayers.



Science/IDL

Our science focus for the class will be identifying and exploring the five senses (taste, touch, sight, smell, hearing).

This term, our topic will be 'My Local Area'. We will focus on various aspects of life in Largs.

French

P1 - Children will learn how to greet each other in French. They will learn the French words for colours and develop their ability to count from 0-10 in French.

P2 – Children will learn the French words for days of the week and the weather.



Technologies

P1 - Children will develop their ICT skills as they use a variety of Apps to support their learning across the curriculum.

P2 - Children will continue to use the Seesaw app with greater independence as they complete activities and share their achievements.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E. – PE sessions will start with small equipment developmental games and end with gymnastic lessons for the final weeks of the term. Our gym days are

Mondays and Thursdays. Children may leave their gym bag on their peg in the cloakroom. No jewelry should be worn on these days.

HWB - Children have been learning the school rules and routines. They will contribute to creating our Class Charter and will discuss our school values. Children are developing an awareness of the need to respect the personal space and views of others. Children will listen to a variety of stories that support their understanding of Growth Mindset.



Expressive Arts

Music – Children will sing songs that support their phonological awareness. They will use Fischy Music to learn health & wellbeing themed songs at Assembly. Children will learn songs/hymns to sing at Mass and the Parish Festival.

Art – Children will be developing their skills at line drawing as they create designs for their Christmas cards. They will have the opportunity to explore and create pieces of artwork using cellulose paste and tissue paper.

Drama – Mrs. Peddie will work with the children to create a Viking themed drama.



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