



# P3 Term in a Nutshell

Hello and welcome back to a little slice into the learning, teaching and fun of Primary 3! So much has happened since our last newsletter and we can't wait to share it all with you.

## Reading for Fun

Across the school this term, there has been a big focus on reading. We have been taking part in ERIC time in class. ERIC stands for Everyone Reading In Class and we complete this at least 3 times per week. We have been wearing badges that tell people who walk past to ask us what we are reading so that we are engaging in conversations about books. We even completed a sponsored Readathon to raise money for SCIAF. We feel very good about helping people who are less fortunate than we are and the money our class raised went towards providing boys and girls with warm blankets. We were lucky enough to receive book bags which had great story books and stationary inside.

## Topic

Our topic this term was Dinosaurs. We completed some wonderful work through this topic both in class and at home and we made connections across the curriculum through this topic too. The main curricular areas that were explored were Literacy, Numeracy, Social Studies, Science and Technologies and Expressive Arts. We used marble paints to create our very own dinosaur eggs before adding in a lollipop dinosaur puppet. We are very proud of them. In Science, we learned how to label the parts of a dinosaur from it's teeth to it's toes. We also learned about food chains through our topic and whether different dinosaurs were carnivores (meat eaters), herbivores (grass and plant eaters) or omnivores (a mix of both). Over the course of two weeks, we created fantastic fact files about our chosen dinosaur. We used the internet and books to research and find facts to present to our friends in class. Miss Duffy was so impressed with the standard of the fact files we all made!

## Expressive Arts

We have had lots of fun in expressive arts this term. For Bonfire Night, we created our own firework biscuits using icing sugar, food colouring and sprinkles. After creating our tasty treats, we enjoyed eating them whilst watching a Greatest Showman inspired firework display. This was such fun day. Every Thursday morning, we have been very lucky to have Mrs Lax from NYCOS teaching us singing games and rhymes. So far, we have learned about the beat of a song and how to count it out using our hands and wooden sticks.

*Through the month of December, we have been learning about Advent and the story of the Nativity. We know that in the Church we see purple during the month of December because it is a time of preparation. We have been focusing on showing kindness to others during Advent and living the way Jesus wants us to.*



### Our thoughts...

"I liked making our Bonfire biscuits."

"We've done fun arts and crafts this term."

"I've enjoyed spending play times with my friends."

"I now know how to round to the nearest 10."

"We're very good at our 2 and 5 times tables now."

"I researched the T-Rex and it was great fun. I also loved making the dinosaur eggs."

"I know how to write instructions now."

"I learned about 2D and 3D shapes—the shape I liked was my favourite."

"I liked learning how to program positivity into my body."



## Performances

For St Andrew's Day and Christmas, Primary 3 have worked so hard to learn and perform songs to show all our friends and families. For St Andrew's Day we learned the funny song 'If it wisni for your wellies!' and for Christmas we learned Nazareth from the show Nativity as well as the beautiful carol 'The First Noel'. We hope you enjoyed them.

## Christmas

All the boys and girls in P3 are very excited about Christmas. In school, we have been watching and analysing Christmas adverts to add a fun spin to comprehension. We have also had our class Christmas party where we played party games and danced to some Christmas classics. We have learned about the importance of giving during this time and participate in the Jesse Tree. Thank you for all your support and contributions.

As you can see, we have achieved lots in this term and we can't wait to complete more fun learning in the new year. I'm wishing you all a happy Christmas and New Year when the time comes.



