



Year 3 & 4 Newsletter March-April 2019

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Literacy

This term we will:

- ✓ P3/4 will be looking at a variety of fiction and non-fiction transport and travel/journey books and complete literacy writing activities based around these topics, such as writing journals and creative writing.
- ✓ They will begin to use more descriptive language to describe nouns and verbs and consolidate their use of full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, with P4 beginning to use speech/quotation marks.
- ✓ P3/4 will continue to revise spellings using multi-sensory activities and look at the extended and polysyllabic code using the Sounds Write Phonics Programme.
- ✓ P3/4 have now all been given their Accelerated Reading logins and are developing their comprehension skills while trying to earn rewards for scoring 100% in their tests.

Our Topic this term is Transport & Travel.

We will be learning about...

- ★ *Types of transport.*
- ★ *Journeys we've travelled.*
- ★ *The history of different modes of transport.*
- ★ *Space travel*
- ★ *Transport of the future.*
- ★ *We also hope to visit JB Barrett Tractors!*

And much more.

There's lots to research, learn and find out, so please feel free to research at home.

Numeracy

We are superb Mathematicians in P3 and P4.

This term we will...

- ★ P3 will be focussing on column addition and subtraction, while continuing to learn mental maths facts, such as; adding 9, 19, and 11 or subtracting 9 or 11.
- ★ P3/4 will continue with maths problem solving, while also linking their topic work to maths by carrying out traffic surveys and converting tally/frequency charts into bar charts.
- ★ P4 will be consolidating their column addition and subtraction facts and try to recognise key vocabulary to solve +/- word problems.
- ★ We will also begin to explore fractions.

In ICT we will be developing our word processing skills using Microsoft Word. We will also be using Literacy and Maths Apps such as; Times Tables Rock Stars, Mathletics & Accelerated Reading.

ART

We will be completing art activities linked with our topic of travel and journeys.

In **Religion** we will continue to listen to bible stories, learn about different saints, religious traditions and religious days using the Grow in Love scheme. P4 will continue to prepare for their confession and communion.



Music is
every
Monday so
don't forget
those
whistles!



**P.E. gear on
Friday.
Lunch time league
on Monday.**



**Library books for
the library van
every other
Wednesday from
Wed 6th March.**



Spellings and
Mental Maths
homework to
be completed
and tested on
Friday.



Bring
reading
books to
school
EVERY day.

A note from Mr McKenna & Clare in P3/4....

There are 24 children in the P3/4 class (10 x P3s and 14 x P4s) and we are fortunate that we have Clare as a full time assistant.

If you wish to contact me regarding your child please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office or by scribbling a note in your child's homework diary and I will try to respond at the earliest possible opportunity.

If your child brings a bottle to school could you please ensure it has a top that squirts water and does not need to be fully unscrewed to try to prevent spillages.

Staff are trying to ensure all children are dressed in full school uniform, including school PE kits, so if possible, please try to ensure your child is wearing full school uniform at all times.

As I'm sure you are fully aware from the extensive news coverage, all schools are being stretched financially in all areas, so if you are in a position to be able to send your child to school with a well-stocked pencil case this would be extremely helpful. Items such as writing pencils, erasers, sharpeners, colouring pencils, whiteboard pens are all items used on a regular basis.

How to help at home

- ★ Hear your child read each night, asking questions about what they've read.
- ★ **Check over homework.**
- ★ Test them on their spellings and Mental maths.
- ★ **P3-P7 Encourage regular use of Times Tables Rock Stars.**
- ★ **Make sure they have all they need for school each day.**

Dates for the diary

24th March: P4s First Confession in St Mary's, Drumragh.
Clothes collection: w/b 26th March.