

# P4 Jan/Feb Newsletter 2025

## Topics

Celebrations here and around the world, we will be finding out about traditions here and in other countries.

Including: Chinese New Year - we welcome our Chinese language tutor Noah to Steelstown each Thursday.

Weather Watchers, we will be learning about Ireland's climate and extreme weather conditions around the world. Please talk to your child about the weather and watch the daily weather forecast at home.

Please bring a **healthy break** to school. Please be mindful that we are a **nut free school**. Healthy breaks include a sandwich, piece of fruit, a yogurt, crackers or cheese.



## Literacy



**Reading:** We would like your continued support in encouraging your child to read. Please continue to spend some time listening to your child's reading.

**Accelerated Reader:** Please encourage your child to read a range of books and take the quizzes in order to gain points for prizes in the cabinet at the front of the school. Quizzes can be taken in the computer suite from 8:30 to 9:00 every morning and during silent reading time in class.

**Spelling:** The weekly spelling test will continue. It is important to their spelling development and phonological awareness to look over these spellings daily using phonics grid.

## Numeracy



Our focus this term will be on the value of numbers to a thousand.

Children need to enhance their skills in;

- Recognising patterns in the 100. - addition and subtraction of HTU.
- Applying their knowledge to problem solving.
- The children will continue to work on their tables.
- Reading analogue and digital clock times.

You are asked to help your child every night to develop a quick recall of number facts and tables. Please encourage your child to hit their weekly target of 1000 points on Mathletics.

## Do This In Memory Programme:

The Do This In Memory Masses continue to take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 12.15pm. We are delighted to welcome Fr McDevitt back. The Do This In Memory programme is an important part of your child's preparation for First Communion and their attendance at these masses is of great benefit to them.

The remaining dates are:

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

First Confession takes place on 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm and First Holy Communion on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon in Our Lady of Lourdes, Steelstown.

Please create a Sacred Space at home if you have not already done so. Help your child to learn the Act of Sorrow for First Confession and ensure they are confident in blessing themselves.

## Attendance

In case of absences please inform the school on **the first day** of absence via school office or absence report on school website.

## Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>-Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Catholic Schools Week

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - Travelling Book Fair

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Grandparents Day

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - Do This in Memory Mass

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>-Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February inclusive - Mid Term Break

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - NSPCC talk for parents on keeping your child safe online (7pm)

# Happy New Year!