



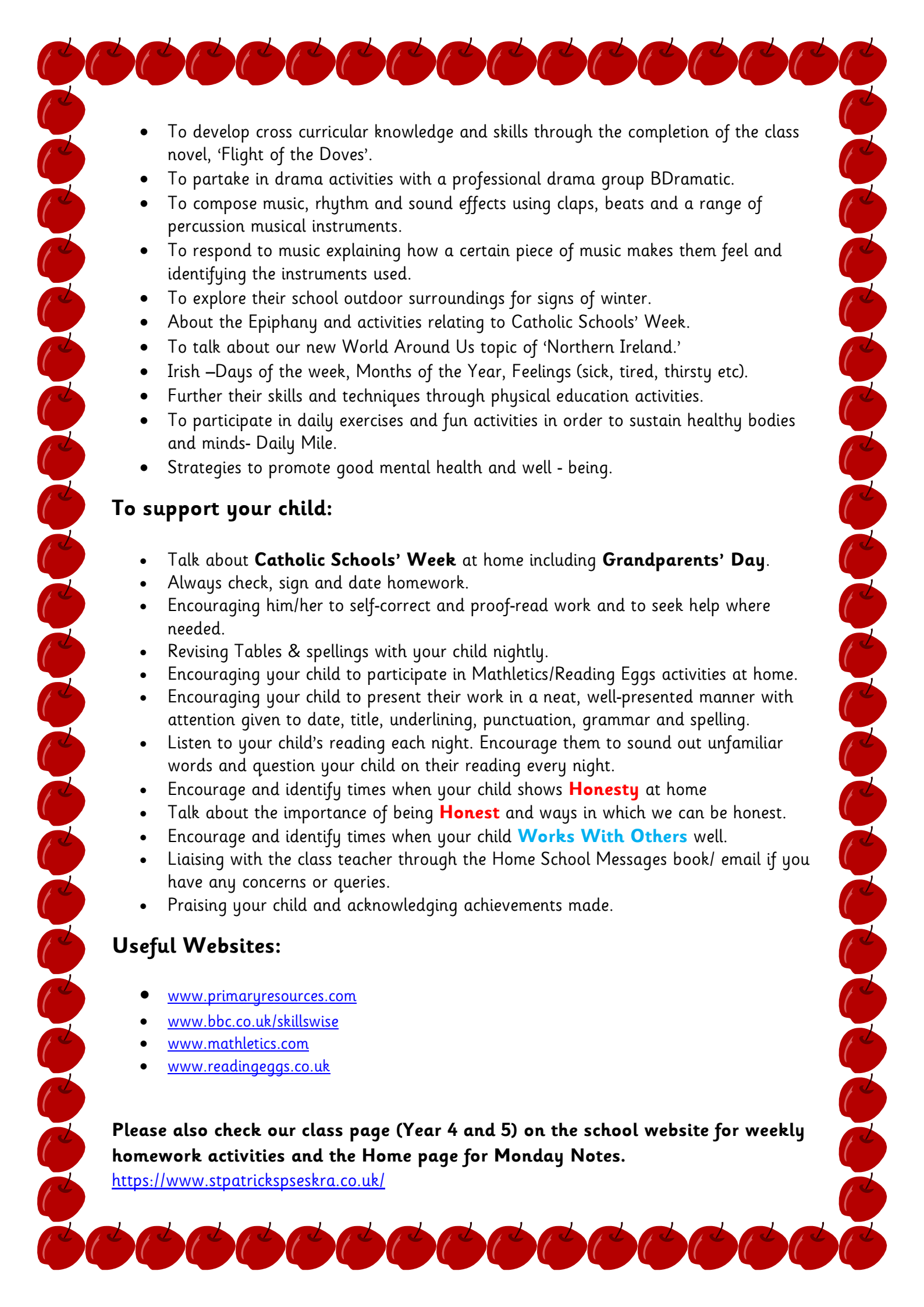
# St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra

## Supporting Your Child's Learning

January 2025 – Year 4 – Mrs Mulligan

### Your child is learning:

- About the importance of **Honesty** - our monthly value for January. Talking about ways we can be honest both at home and at school.
- The importance of **Working with Others** particularly in relation to whole class and group work.
- To develop lively, active minds by partaking in **Year 4** Mental Maths and Literacy morning challenges.
- To become more familiar with mathematical language associated with division.
- To identify and be able to write fractions and to identify fractions shaded.
- To complete problem-solving questions using fractions of amounts – finding half of, quarter of etc.
- To focus on the category of 'Finding All Possibilities' in problem-solving activities. (Problem-Solving Monday).
- About Time - how to recognise record analogue and digital times to the nearest five minutes writing the time both in words and digitally.
- To complete problems on Time durations by counting on and back.
- To recite the months of the year and the number of days in each month. (Calendar rhyme).
- To read, interpret and answer questions on the calendar for 2025.
- Techniques- morning challenges and learning of Tables 6x, 7x, 8x and 9x.
- To participate in Mathletics activities to further their mathematical understanding and skills in Number (Division/Fractions) and Measure (Time)
- To present their work neatly giving appropriate attention to dates, titles, underlining and punctuation and to use neat handwriting.
- Complete daily spelling activities from the Prim-Ed or Sounds-Write spelling programme using a revised format.
- To use full sentence answers when completing Comprehension activities – both fiction and non-fiction.
- To complete grammar work on Plurals, Synonyms, Contractions and Homonyms.
- To write creatively about the Christmas holidays, Christmas Thank You Letters and to be able to write instructions for building a snowman.
- To write factually in relation to Winter.
- To become more familiar with how to use a dictionary to check for correct spelling and meanings of words.

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- To develop cross curricular knowledge and skills through the completion of the class novel, 'Flight of the Doves'.
  - To partake in drama activities with a professional drama group BDramatic.
  - To compose music, rhythm and sound effects using claps, beats and a range of percussion musical instruments.
  - To respond to music explaining how a certain piece of music makes them feel and identifying the instruments used.
  - To explore their school outdoor surroundings for signs of winter.
  - About the Epiphany and activities relating to Catholic Schools' Week.
  - To talk about our new World Around Us topic of 'Northern Ireland.'
  - Irish –Days of the week, Months of the Year, Feelings (sick, tired, thirsty etc).
  - Further their skills and techniques through physical education activities.
  - To participate in daily exercises and fun activities in order to sustain healthy bodies and minds- Daily Mile.
  - Strategies to promote good mental health and well - being.

### To support your child:

- Talk about **Catholic Schools' Week** at home including **Grandparents' Day**.
- Always check, sign and date homework.
- Encouraging him/her to self-correct and proof-read work and to seek help where needed.
- Revising Tables & spellings with your child nightly.
- Encouraging your child to participate in Mathletics/Reading Eggs activities at home.
- Encouraging your child to present their work in a neat, well-presented manner with attention given to date, title, underlining, punctuation, grammar and spelling.
- Listen to your child's reading each night. Encourage them to sound out unfamiliar words and question your child on their reading every night.
- Encourage and identify times when your child shows **Honesty** at home
- Talk about the importance of being **Honest** and ways in which we can be honest.
- Encourage and identify times when your child **Works With Others** well.
- Liaising with the class teacher through the Home School Messages book/ email if you have any concerns or queries.
- Praising your child and acknowledging achievements made.

### Useful Websites:

- [www.primaryresources.com](http://www.primaryresources.com)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise)
- [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)
- [www.readingeggs.co.uk](http://www.readingeggs.co.uk)

**Please also check our class page (Year 4 and 5) on the school website for weekly homework activities and the Home page for Monday Notes.**

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