

Primary 3 January - February

Newsletter 2018

Literacy:

We love to read in Primary 3! We will continue to focus on developing our fluency and expression when reading aloud, scanning the text for key words. We will also keep working on our comprehension skills by answering a variety of comprehension questions focusing on answering in full sentences.

We will be reading Non Fiction books about 'Materials' and completing a variety of activities related to them. We will also read the story of 'The 3 Little Pigs'.

Our grammar focus will be speech bubbles and speech marks. We will revise when to use capital letters and full stops in sentences.

We will continue our work on Narrative Writing, however, the new genre we will be focusing on when writing is 'Procedural'. We will write some instructions on how to make paper!

Encourage your child to talk about what they are going to write first - does each sentence make sense? Can I add more detail or use other interesting words? Help your child practise writing at home by giving them opportunities to write freely about any topic that they want! This will develop their creativity skills!

Numeracy:

We will continue to learn all about tens and units and we will understand that every place has a value! We will also be learning about Doubles and Near Doubles. We will continue to learn the names of regular **3D shapes** and discuss their properties (faces, edges and corners). We will be learning how to tell the time using quarter past and quarter to.

We will also be developing our Mental Maths skills. Keep practising quick recall of number stories within 20 at home! Don't forget to practice **Partitioning** and **Rounding and Adjusting** tool!

We will also keep working on our Problem Solving Skills and using RUCSAC to help us solve word problems. Remember to keep using the **Mathletics** programme at home too!



Happy New Year!!!!!! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Santa really was very busy. We are now looking forward to another busy term that is filled with fun and exciting experiences.



Value of the Month:

Diligence

Emotion of the Month:

Lonely

Prayer of the Month:

Angel of God

Religion:

Grow in Love workbooks will be sent home on a Wednesday for an activity to be completed and should be returned to school on Friday with your child's weekly homework. We will also begin to learn about the Sacrament of First Confession.



Catholic Schools Week

Beginning Sunday 28th January - Saturday 3rd February 2018

P3 First Confession

Commitment Service:
Thursday 1st March at 11am in the Assembly Hall.

P3 First Confession:

Wednesday 21st March at 10.45am in St Patrick's Church

World Around Us and The Arts

Our current topic is **Toys** but we will be soon start our new topic of '**Materials**'. We will be learning about lots of different types of materials and carrying out a variety of investigations! We will even learn how to make paper and write some instructions about how we did this! Throughout the topic of materials the children will also be engaged in music, drama and art activities as well as independent tasks to develop their understanding of the topic. If you have anything related to this topic that your child could share with the class please send it in over the next few weeks!

Materials

Home Learning:

Thank you for your continued support with Homework. This really does support your child's learning! Keep practising Spellings, Mental Maths and Reading each night along with any written tasks! Please ensure your child completes his or her Homework each week and returns it on a Friday. Reading Books should also be returned on a Friday.



ICT:

We love using our iPads in class! We have 6 to use during our lessons to enhance our learning across the curriculum. We will explore a variety of apps including Green Screen, Book Creator and Explain Everything! We will create presentations about our topics across the curriculum using these apps! Watch out for some of our Green Screen videos about the story 'Toys in Space' on the school website soon!

We will also continue to practise basic word processing skills (how to type a sentence in Microsoft Word and include capital letters and full stops). Please encourage your child to learn their log in for the computer. If you haven't already done so log in to SeeSaw to see what your child is doing in school!

