 Curriculum Newsletter 

Year 3 May to June 2020

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| Literacy:  This term we are revising report writing. We will be gathering facts about famous people, such as  Grace Darling, Louis Braille and Florence Nightingale. In grammar we will be learning how to use the exclamation mark and looking at homophones, past tense verbs and alphabetical order to the 3rd letter.  Spellings will include ‘wh’ ‘ph’ ‘ch’ and prefixes and suffixes.  Tips for parents:  - Practice with your child how to use the dictionary. Find the meaning of unfamiliar words in reading books.  - Research famous people in the library and online.  -Draw attention to exclamation marks in reading books and highlight past tense verbs.  -Encourage children to find the weekly spelling sounds in their reading books. |
| Number:  Children will be collecting and representing data on a graph. We will look at length and use the metre as a unit of measurement. We will measure volume in litres. In area we will count the squares to find a given area. We will explore and use number patterns and equivalent forms of 2 digit numbers eg 23 + 65 = 20+60+3+5. We will be consolidating subtraction with exchange which will involve practical work and will be moving onto HTU.  Tips for parents:  Language for Hundreds, Tens and Units: exchange, units, tens, check, method, total.  Language for non- number: axis, horizontal, vertical, more than, just about, strategy |
| World Around Us  The children will be learning about the life of famous people: -**Grace Darling, Florence Nightingale, Louis Braille** and concluding the topic with famous Irish people. This topic will involve group work, thinking frameworks and gathering facts. Children will make comparisons about life long ago.  Tips for parents:   * Gather pictures, facts and other relevant information from library books and internet. * Find out other events that happened during these times. |
| ICT  Pupils will have experience in some of the following: finding information from a given source; selecting and inserting images; matching words to images; and creating and editing text relating to our World Around Us topic.  Children will cut and paste images and learn to adjust font, size of font, change colours, underline, bold, italic and use the space bar and shift key to make capitals. |

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| Religion  Grow In Love themes:   * Jesus is still with us. * Creation * Mary. The children honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Our Mother too. | PDMU  Children will recognise what a medicine looks like and know how to best deal with familiar medicines so that we can stay safe.  Discuss and explore ambitions for the future.  Recall memories from P.3 and dreams for P.4. |
| PE   * Gaelic skills. * Athletics – children will participate in races and relay races. * Balance and co-ordination – balance objects on bats and racquets. Bounce, throw and catch a variety of objects at a target. Learn to work as part of a team. | P3 dates to note.  At this point we have no information on events taking place for the rest of the year. |
| The Arts  **Music** - **Art** –**Drama** –   * We will look at the work of influential artists. Eg Van Gogh * They will take on the role of a famous character from long ago in Activity Based Learning. * The children will identify and perform musical activities with their feet and perform a song with a vocal/instrumental ostinato. | |
| Focus  Be creative!  Continue to read for pleasure and to explore different authors and types of text.  Write a short story or poem  Get fit, run around the garden or on the spot for 3 minutes each day!  Remember to be kind and patient with one another.  Preform a random act of kindness once a day. | |