



Curriculum Newsletter



Year 2

November - Christmas 2018

Literacy:

Children will learn to write Reports, Recounts and Narratives. They will use associated language; Who, What, Where, When. First, next, then and finally. The children will sequence and retell stories. In December they will write a letter to Santa and write lists. The children are being introduced to fairy tales and non-fiction books.

Tips for parents:

Ask the children what they observe on their journey to and from school. Identify rhymes and blends. Reinforce the structure of a story when reading to your child, NB: Beginning, Middle and End. Ask plenty of questions about the story and get the children to answer in full sentences not one word answers. Discuss if the book you are reading is a story or a non-fiction book. How do you know the difference? (A non-fiction book usually has photos, it is true and may have a contents, index and glossary.)

Numeracy:

It is essential that the children develop quick recall of addition and subtraction facts within 20. They should recognise and make amounts using 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p & 20p coins. The children should recognise o'clock and half past. They should continue to recognise 2D & 3D shapes.

Tips for parents:

Plenty of oral questioning about the numbers before and after, remind them when using a number line counting forwards and back. Ask them about the price of things when you are out shopping. Reinforce number stories by revising weekly facts.

World Around Us

The children will learn about People who help us. They will be aware of the different jobs that people do and the importance of them in the environment.

Tips for parents:

Talk to the children about People who help us. Encourage them to recognise all the jobs that people do to help them every day. Encourage the children to observe the seasonal changes. During December we will need evergreen branches and bags of rice for Outdoor Play.

ICT

The children have started to go to ICT suite. They are beginning to use some simple programs. Please encourage the children to become familiar with the keyboard.

Religion <p>Through Grow in Love the children learn morning and evening prayers. They will learn about the Christmas story and prepare for the Christmas Play on 6th December.</p>	PDMU <p>The children continue to live and learn together and develop mutual respect. We encourage to develop their self-esteem and focus on being good friends.</p> <p>Anti -Bullying week is 12th - 16th November.</p>
PE <p>Through Outdoor Play the children will continue to practise ball handling skills including throwing, catching, rolling and kicking.</p>	Dates for Christmas Concerts and Carol Service: <p>Year 1 - Wednesday 5th December Year 2 - Thursday 6th December Year 3 - Tuesday 11th December KS2 Carol Service - Wednesday 19th December</p>
The Arts <p>The children will learn songs for the Christmas play. They will draw, paint and construct pieces of work. They will make decorations and cards for Christmas.</p> <p>We would be grateful for donations of old decorations, used Christmas cards, tinsel and other Christmas paraphernalia. Please note this will not be returned.</p>	
Focus <p>This half term we will be focusing on being good friends. There will be special Assemblies and classroom lessons on Anti-Bullying. Please visit the school website to view/download a copy of the revised Pastoral Care and Positive Behaviour Policy, which has recently been adopted by the Board of Governors. Children are reminded about using the 'Worry Box' if they are concerned about anything or to seek out the teachers who are here to help: Mrs McNamee & Mrs O'Prey on the Derryvolgie site and Mr Doran & Mrs Kennedy on the Ashleigh site.</p>	

School Website:

Don't forget to visit the school website www.stbridesps.org.uk where you can read articles & view galleries of our pupils at work & play and view our range of After School activities. There are Learning Zones for each year group, important information for parents, including Key Policies, Newsletters and the Board of Governors' Annual Report to Parents. The Calendar is available to download.

Flu Vaccination:

The following links provide further information regarding the Flu Vaccination programme for Schools.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Video/Pages/flu-heroes-nasal-flu-spray-for-kids.aspx>

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/protecting-your-child-against-flu-vaccination-your-primary-school-child-english-and-tra>

