

Year Four April Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We would like to congratulate all Primary four children who received the Sacrament of First Penance on Tuesday 23rd March. Thanks to all their families for the way they were presented and how they participated so prayerfully in the ceremony. The 'Do This in Memory of Me' programme in preparation for the sacraments will continue for Year 4 on Sunday 18th April and Sunday 2nd May at 10.30am. School will finish on Thursday 1st April at 11.00am for Easter and re-open on Monday 12th April. Just a reminder that children will be off on Friday 30th April for staff training and school will be closed on Monday 3rd May. During this month we will continue to cover the following areas.

Numeracy

Pupils will be introduced to division in a practical way, (sharing and grouping). The revision of 2,3,4 and 5 times multiplication tables will be necessary. We will revisit spatial awareness using the Roamer. Revision of all 4 operations of number for Key Stage One Assessment will also take place.

Language and Literacy

Continuation of shared, guided and independent reading including Assessment Units for Reading. Emphasis will be placed on comprehension and authorial skills. Children will read for information on our topic of Sound. Spelling using the Prim-Ed spelling workbook will continue. Writing activities will include story writing for Assessment Units, writing instructions, using a dictionary, proof reading and continued use of linked script. Revision and preparation for Key Stage One Assessment will also be covered.

World Around Us

Introduction to the topic of Sound – activities will include a sound walk and listing and classifying sounds. The children will look at musical instruments and group them accordingly. They will have an opportunity to make their own instrument.

Religious Education

We follow the Alive-o programme and we will cover the following lessons The Resurrection, We Gather Together to Celebrate and We Listen to the Word of God. We will begin our preparation for First Holy Communion and we will be looking at Mass responses and prayers. Please refer to these each night as it is an important part of their preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

P.D.M.U

In the topic of Sound we will look at noise pollution and our responsibilities to those around us. We also will consider the importance of sound in relation to Road Safety.

The Arts

Role-play on Slippers That Talked novel. Making a musical instrument and performing using the instrument. Pupils will create and follow a graphic score. Alive-O songs. Art activities related to Sound topic.

Physical Education

This term P4C will have after-schools P.E on Thursdays 3-4pm with Ronan Devlin. Gymnastics – travelling and balancing. Moving on feet/hands and feet/small parts/large parts/hoops/mats/benches using all spaces, different directions and speeds.

Thank you and we hope you have a very happy Easter holiday.

The year 4 teachers-

Ms Diamond P4A, Mrs Dillon P4B and Mrs McDermott P4C.

