

Year Four February Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Two important dates for your diaries - First Penance is on Tuesday 23rd March at 7.30pm and First Communion is on Saturday 15th May at 11.00am. More details about First Penance will follow later. The school nurse will visit on Tuesday 9th February to talk to the children about a Healthy lifestyle. This is an outline of the areas to be covered in February.

Numeracy

In our mental maths we will continue to develop strategies for multiplying. We will reinforce and use the 10, 5, 2, 3 and 4 times tables. We will continue multiplication of TU and HTU including problem-solving and using money.

In measure the pupils will continue to use the twelve hour clock in both analogue and digital form in 5 minute intervals past the hour.

In shape and space pupils will begin to name, recognise and learn about the properties of 3D shapes including the number of faces, edges and corners.

Language and Literacy

In reading our research and activities will conclude the topic of Food/Healthy Eating and we will begin our new topic of Journeys and Transport. This will include shared, guided and independent reading using novels, reading books and reference materials about food/healthy eating/ journeys and transport as well as using a big book to study authorial techniques.

Writing activities will include creative writing where the children design a menu, factual writing about healthy eating and descriptive writing on a journey to school. We cover singular and plural and To, Too, Two. Spelling is based on the Prim-Ed spelling programme.

World Around Us

Our Healthy Eating topic will conclude with a food party where the children will identify changes in food during the cooking process. They will also carry out an investigation on how best to keep food fresh.

The pupils will begin a new topic on Journeys. They will use the directions Right, Left, North, South, East and West and look at journeys around the school and in the town. We refer to local features and buildings in Magherafelt.

Religious Education

We follow the Alive O 4 programme and this month we cover the story of St Brigid, Not Being Bothered, Lent Re-Connecting and Lenten Promises. Children have been given a copy of all the prayers needed for First Penance. Please refer to these each night as it is an important part of their preparation for the Sacrament of First Penance.

P.D.M.U

To finish the Healthy eating topic we will discuss the importance of food in our lives and how we can appreciate what we have and be aware of those less fortunate.

We will begin to talk about ways in which we can show love to others. Through our journeys topic we will look at how we can keep safe on our way to school.

The Arts

Pupils will continue their pastel drawings of fruit based on the artist Paul Cezanne's still-life painting. Children will act out their food scripts using stick puppets in their Activity Based learning.

In Music pupils will be encouraged to choose a well-known nursery rhyme and compose a Healthy eating rhyme deciding on appropriate percussion instruments for accompaniment.

Physical Education

This term P4B will continue to have after-schools P.E on Thursdays 3-4pm with Ronan Devlin.

In P.E we will continue with games concentrating on the skills of kicking a large ball using punt kicking, passing and receiving a ball and to develop decision making in Field Type Games.

The year 4 teachers-

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

