

January Newsletter Year 3

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our January Newsletter. We will take this opportunity to inform you of some key issues for January.

The photographer will be in school on the 3rd and 4th February for p2 to p6 individual and family photos.

Curriculum Content for January

Literacy

This month our Talking and Listening activities are related to our topics Winter, Ireland and Irish Myths and Legends. We will continue to provide opportunities for children to participate in shared, guided and independent reading. Please continue to hear your child read aloud each night and encourage them to sound out new words. Children will be given opportunities this month to write for a variety of purposes to include a Winter factual story and descriptive writing about My Favourite Place in Ireland. Please encourage your child to learn their spellings each week using the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check approach.

Numeracy

In Numeracy we will be revising subtraction vertically and horizontally to 20. We will continue to reinforce subtraction of tens and units and looking at subtraction patterns and the relationship between addition and subtraction:

e.g. 9 4 13 $9+4=13$ $4+9=13$ $13-9=4$ $13-4=9$

We will introduce Time. We will begin by sequencing days and months. We will revise o'clock and half past and compare analogue and digital.

World Around Us

In World Around us we will be studying Ireland as an island. We will locate Ireland on a European map and World map and look at surrounding countries. We will discuss why people leave Ireland now and in the past e.g. The Famine. We will read related stories about Ireland e.g. St Brigid, St. Patrick and The Children of Lir.

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding (PDMU)

As it is a New Year we will discuss new beginnings and resolutions. Children will choose something to improve on at home and in school. We will talk about good qualities in others and ourselves.

P.E.

Please remind your child to wear their P.E. gear on the following days:

P3A Thursdays & Fridays

P3B Tuesdays

P3C Thursdays & Fridays

The Arts

Children will be drawing Winter pictures using various mediums. During Activity Based Learning they will be designing and creating a class collage based on our Mythical Ireland stories.

Please visit our website regularly as all this information and more will be posted on the website with regular updates and news of upcoming school events.

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