

Year Four January Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope the children are well rested and ready to begin a new term. This is an outline of the areas to be covered in January.

Numeracy

In our mental maths we will be developing strategies for multiplying. We will learn and use the 10, 5, 2 and 3 times tables. We will begin multiplication of TU and HTU including problem-solving.

In measure the pupils will be introduced to the twelve hour clock in both analogue and digital form in 5 minute intervals.

Language and Literacy

In reading our research and activities will centre on the topic of Food/Healthy Eating. This will include shared, guided and independent reading using novels, reading books and reference materials about food/healthy eating and fables as well as using a big book to study authorial techniques.

Writing activities will include factual writing about healthy eating, writing instructions for a Good Health board game, script writing and poetry writing. We cover commas, speech marks and adding 'ing'. Spelling is based on the Prim-Ed spelling programme.

World Around Us

Our healthy Eating topic will include looking at the Eatwell food plate and food pyramid and using these to classify foods appropriately. Pupils will begin to keep a food diary and be aware of the five food groups. Children will work together and design a Good Health board game. Foods and their country of origin will be investigated eg The Journey of Tea. Children will look back and compare shopping today with shopping in the 1940s including the establishment of Marks and Spencers.

Religious Education

We follow the Alive O 4 programme and this month we cover Being Me/Being Us, Jairus' Daughter and The Good Shepherd.

P.D.M.U

As we begin the new year children will reflect on how they can try to be a better person at home and at school and make appropriate new year resolutions.

A lot of discussion will take place about our needs/wants. We will be considering how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The Arts

Pupils will do pastel drawings of fruit, vegetable prints and study the artist Paul Cezanne's still-life paintings. Children will act out their food scripts using stick puppets.

In Music pupils will make clapping patterns using food words. They will listen to songs and poems on food, discussing tempo and deciding on appropriate instruments for accompaniment.

Physical Education

This term P4B will have after-schools P.E on Thursdays 3-4pm with Ronan Devlin, starting date and details will be confirmed shortly.

In P.E we will continue with games concentrating on the responsibility of the receiver, team play and Go Games.

The year 4 teachers- Ms Diamond P4A, Mrs Dillon P4B and Mrs McDermott P4C.

