

Year Four May Newsletter
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Dear Parents,

This is a busy month ahead for us all preparing for First Communion on Saturday 15th May at 11.00am. Children will make several visits to the church to practise for First Communion. A newsletter will follow next week detailing arrangements for First Communion Day. School will be closed for all pupils on Monday 31st May.

Our school trip this year will take place on Thursday 17th June to The Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh. Details will follow later.

During this month we will continue to cover the following areas.

Numeracy

Pupils will continue to work on division by 2,3,4 and 5 and a lot of practical work on fractions will be carried out. The children will revise their multiplication tables and their link with division. In measure we will investigate Area and its associated language. Pupils will find the area of a shape by counting squares and draw shapes of a given area. We will develop their understanding of money up to £10, including change. We will try to help the pupils to realise the value of money and how it can be spent, saved or kept safe.

Language and Literacy

Pupils will continue shared, guided and independent reading with emphasis on comprehension and authorial skills. The children will read for information on our topic of Sound. Spellings using the Prim-Ed spelling workbooks will be ongoing. Writing activities will include a sound poem, describing their musical instrument and descriptive writing on their First Holy Communion Day. Other activities will include the use of synonyms, homonyms, using an index and contractions eg. didn't.

World Around Us

In our Sound topic we will look at how sound devices have changed over time and the invention of the telephone. We will investigate how sounds are made using everyday objects. Children will have an opportunity to perform with their homemade instruments. We look at how our sense of hearing develops and changes and how to take care and protect our ears.

Religious Education

We follow the Alive-O programme and we will cover the following lessons – Mary Our Mother, We Celebrate Jesus' Love for Us, We Give Thanks and We Share Jesus the Bread of Life. We will continue our preparation for First Holy Communion. Please help to prepare for this sacrament with your child.

P.D.M.U

We consider family celebrations – reasons for celebration, those involved and any necessary preparation. We will focus on the pupils' experiences and feelings during these special occasions.

The Arts

Children will design and make a musical instrument of their choice. They will design a poster highlighting the dangers of noise pollution in the environment. First Communion hymns. Performing with their musical instrument and everyday objects.

Physical Education

After-schools P.E. will continue for P4C on Thursdays with Ronan Devlin. Athletics will include running, throwing and jumping activities.

Thank you,

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

