

October Newsletter for Year 5

**Dear Parents,**

**The Year 5 children are now well settled into the routine of K.S.2. Thank-you for your support with all that was going on during the last month. Please continue to support your child with their reading and other homework every night and sign reading diary.**

### **Curriculum Content:**

**Numeracy** – Pupils will revise addition, subtraction and exchange of numbers to 999 as well as rounding to the nearest hundred. During October pupils will be completing their topic work on 3-D shape. They will be investigating nets of shapes. Children will begin their new topic Length. They will be using the language of length – metre,  $\frac{1}{2}$  metre,  $\frac{1}{4}$  metre, millimetre, centimetre and kilometre. Practical measuring activities will be sent home. Please help your child with these.

**Language and Literacy** – Pupils will continue to develop their language and literacy skills through a whole class experience and within groups. They will be identifying and using adjectives and similes. Written work will be related to the themes of Autumn and Hallowe'en. They will be sharing poetry and writing their own poems about Hallowe'en.

**The World Around Us** – The theme for this term is Being and Belonging. We will be focusing on how Place influences the nature of life. We will be identifying buildings and features on a local map – schools, church, library etc. Pupils will be discussing how Magherafelt has grown over the years – population, housing, schools etc. and they will try to identify reasons for the growth.

**Religion** - The Alive 0-5 programme will focus on Christianity coming to Ireland. Pupils will be preparing for their Harvest Thanksgiving Service. This will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

**P.D.M.U** – Pupils will develop an **awareness of different types of feelings in different situations. They will be encouraged to view all challenges in a positive light.**

**P.E** – Year 5 will continue with the games programme led by Dermot Scullion. Please ensure that your child brings appropriate gear: trainers, tracksuit bottoms/shorts. All lessons will be performed outside - weather permitting. To date all pupils have been enjoying the lessons with Dermot and have further developed their sports skills.

**The Arts** – Pupils will be learning the songs for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. They will be using a variety of Art materials to create Autumn/Hallowe'en scenes. Drama will be covered through Alive O-5 – The Centurion's Servant.

**Important dates for October:**

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| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | <b>Peter Pan theatre show</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>  | <b>Road safety theatre</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>Hallowe'en celebrations</b> |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | <b>School Closed</b>           |
| <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | <b>School Closed</b>           |
| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>    | <b>School Closed</b>           |

**Please start thinking about possible Hallowe'en costumes for our fancy dress parade on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please continue to check the school web site: [www.holyfamily-ps.org.uk](http://www.holyfamily-ps.org.uk) for regular updates and news of forthcoming school events. A copy of this newsletter is also available on the web site. It can be found under curriculum – Year 5.

Regards,

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