

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Class 3, Summer Term 2019 Newsletter

After months of preparation, the time has finally arrived for your children to receive their first Holy Communion. This is such a special time and we hope that each and every one of them enjoys the experience.

English

This term we will be exploring and writing: explanation texts, persuasion texts and adventure stories.

Reading – The children will read, compare, analyse and discuss many examples of the focus text type each week. Shared and Guided Reading examples of our focus texts takes place daily. There are also opportunities to read aloud to an adult. During these sessions, children will be focussing on giving very precise answers to questions and using the text for evidence to support answers to opinion and inference questions.

Spelling – Spelling patterns and rules are introduced and explored. We link spelling and handwriting to help our hands and eyes remember how words feel and look. Each week, we focus on a particular sound (phoneme) or letters patterns (graphemes). Remembering how to write these words accurately is an important skill and really helps to build children's confidence in independent writing.

Writing – After reading, analysing and discussing texts, the children will have opportunities to write their own versions. In all forms of writing they will be encouraged to follow structures and features of the text type. Every lesson includes grammar or punctuation rules and the children are expected to use the rules they have learned in their writing.

Mathematics

During this term, we will be investigating 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be looking at

symmetry, pictograms and bar charts as well as focussing on different topics involving measurement.

ICT

This term children will be investigating computing storage capacities and ways of saving data. They develop understanding of the school network and operating systems. They use varied resources to create digital content, creating and manipulating images and words. They will select and use software to create non-linear content for specific audiences and objectives.

Science

Your children will be investigating two topics this term. The first topic is Light in which they will look at how shadows are formed as well as how light is reflected. The second topic is Healthy Bodies. We will look at exercise and healthy eating. There are many opportunities for practical investigations and observations as well as recording in tables and charts.

Religious Education

For details of our RE this term, see the RE curriculum letter.

Topic Work

This term the children will be exploring Rainforests as part of their geography topic. This will be linked with their design and technology where we are exploring 3D designs and textiles. During their art topic children will be investigating the artist Jackson Pollock.

Home Learning

The children will continue to have weekly Maths and Literacy home learning. This reinforces what they have been learning in the classroom. These will both be sent home on a Monday. Please return Maths on a Friday and Literacy on a Monday.

Useful websites:

Topic- www.rainforest-alliance.org/kids

Maths- www.nrich.maths.org

Science

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/light_shadows/play/

Literacy

- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

General Points

We do ask that children read each evening and that parents sign the yellow home link book.

Reminders.

P.E. - is on a Monday and Thursday. We will also continue to take part in the Daily Mile. All P.E kits are to be brought into school on a Monday and left in school for the week. This term's focus will be on athletics, hockey and learning to play Gaelic Football. Children will need to wear trainers outdoors rather than plimsolls.

All their belongings, including the stationery they wish to bring in, are the children's responsibility, and should be **clearly labelled**.

Please could all children bring in an art shirt for our art sessions.

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum please do not hesitate to contact us.

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