

Primary 3 Learning Leaflet

Term 2, January 2022 - April 2022

For the duration of primary three, Miss Begley and Miss Delaney will plan and deliver learning experiences through four contexts: Discrete Subject Areas, Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL), Ethos and Life of the School and Planned Opportunities for Personal Development. The main focus of Term 2 will be the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing.

Discrete Subject Areas

Generally, we teach these subjects as separate sessions. However, the knowledge and skills we learn can be applied to other areas.

Literacy

This term we will be improving our talking and listening skills in all areas of the curriculum through developing our group work skills, asking questions and sharing our opinions.

We will continue to use 'Read, Write, Inc.', which is designed to develop the key literacy skills of each individual child. We will continue to send home our home reading books which are linked to our Read, Write, Inc. books each group reads in class. This will help them to become more confident and critical readers, making connections to the world around them.

The context for our writing will be linked to our IDL topics, focusing on the skills of punctuation, layout and sentence structure. This term we will also focus on spelling and grammar. We will do this through using RWI, active spelling activities in literacy and the Word Boost Programme to extend our vocabulary.

Mathematics

In P3 we will use the Big Maths programme. This term, in Numeracy, we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding to apply our skills in the areas of Fractions, Multiplication and Division.

We will focus on our Mental Maths strategies and look at different ways to complete calculations and apply these to solve problems. This will be achieved through Big Maths 'Learn Its' and 'CLICS' challenges, which will be sent home weekly.

We will develop our mathematical skills which can be applied to real life situations, through a variety of Maths topics. This term we will be focusing on Data Handling.

Health and Wellbeing & Outdoor Learning

This term, our PE & Outdoor Learning lessons will be on a **Monday** (with Mr Creaney). PE will take place outdoors whenever possible so please ensure you send your child to school in suitable warm PE kit on these days (they do not need to wear school uniform). **Kit should include jogging bottoms, jumper, sensible gym shoes, a change of shoes for indoors and a jacket.**

Mr. Creaney will continue to work with Primary 3 to improve their fitness and help them to challenge themselves further. Later in the term, both classes will be learning to play invasion games such as basketball and football.

In Health & Wellbeing we will continue to use the Building Resilience programme, this will help us to develop our Growth Mindset this term.

Religious Education

We will be continuing to practice our sacramental prayers, The Our Father and The Act of Sorrow. This is an important part of our learning, as this term in Primary 3 we need to be confident with these prayers as we prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This term we will use God's Loving Plan and TIOF to study the importance of scripture and how we can relate morals of Bible stories to our own lives. Within these stories we will learn the importance saying sorry and asking for forgiveness.

Interdisciplinary Learning

As a school we plan for IDL topics within our classroom to provide relevant, challenging and enjoyable learning experiences which meet the varied needs of our children. Each topic will be led by a particular area of the curriculum although there will be lots of opportunity to foster links across our learning. This term the topics are based on areas of Social Studies, Literacy and Outdoor Learning & Expressive Arts.

Social Studies

This term we will be learning about the topics of 'Under the Sea and Biodiversity'. We will explore the five oceans and the habitats of the creatures that live within them. Throughout this topic, we will make links with Literacy, Numeracy and Expressive Arts.

Maths & Outdoor Learning

This term, we will be exploring Data Handling through Outdoor Learning.

Children will be given the opportunity to work as part of a team to use problem solving skills to collect, organize and display information.

Expressive Arts

Drama will be our main focus this term, as we will have the Imagine Theatre Company working with the year group every Tuesday until March.

Workshops will enable children to develop confidence, expression and story telling skills.

Ethos and Life in School

Our children are being encouraged to contribute to the life and work of the school and from the earliest stages, to exercise their responsibilities as members of a community.

This term we will continue to offer opportunities for free play, learning through play and Outdoor Learning to support children with their social skills (share, interact with other children, take turns). Through play, children are encouraged to explore, experiment, discover and solve problems in imaginative and playful ways.

Planned Opportunities for Personal Development

In Primary 3 we enjoy sharing our personal and wider achievements with the class and whole school. Our classrooms are full of talented pupils who can contribute to our learning in many different ways. Each day in class, opportunities are given for all children to achieve and succeed, either as part of a group or as an individual, both on an academic and social level.

Home Learning

We will be continuing to use Microsoft Teams and the School website to facilitate and share home learning. This term our weekly tasks will be focussed on Reading, Spelling and Maths. Children will bring home a reading book, which will be issued on a **MONDAY** and must be returned on the **FRIDAY** (Books will be quarantined and cleaned before they are reissued). In addition to this we will upload a monthly learning grid which will offer opportunities for them to extend their knowledge across other areas of the curriculum.

If you do not have access to the internet or a device, please let your child's class teacher know and we will provide hard copies.