



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 4 Term 3 2018-2019



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme this term is 'Mini beasts', with a more detailed look at the HONEYBEE. The children will have the opportunity to go on a Bug Hunt, keeping a record of the number of mini beasts they find in different areas around the school grounds. They will use the Starting Graph software to chart their results. The children will learn about the incredible work of the Honeybee and get to sample some different types of honey produced from three types of flowering plants. They will put their architect skills to work to design a 'woodlouse hotel' and their needlecraft skills will be tested as they try to make a mini beast pompom. A busy term indeed!

If you have anything at home that could add to the children's experiences of this topic eg: books, DVDs, posters, toys etc, I would be grateful if your child could bring it in to share with the class (with name attached). It will be returned at the end of our topic.

Thank you in advance.

This term in:

Maths: TIME is an area of Numeracy that many children have difficulties with. This will be an area of focus this term to help consolidate the reading of ANALOGUE and DIGITAL times. Please ensure your child revisits the 2, 3, 4, 5 & 10 times tables regularly throughout this term in order to improve their quick recall and set them up nicely for Primary 5. TOPMARKS is an excellent website for reinforcing all areas of Numeracy.

Literacy: Report Writing will continue this term. The children will write a report on a mini beast of their choice. They will initially use their NOTE TAKING skills to gather information for their report and then use Microsoft Word to write up their finished reports. Poetry Writing is another genre of writing which the children will cover this term. We will also begin our class novel DEAR HOUND. This will now be used as part of your child's Thursday night reading.

ICT: - Film and Animation - iMovie App
The children in Year 4 are quite skilful in the area of Animation, therefore Film will be the focus this term. The children will produce a short movie relating to a topic in their PDMU. The movie will have a message for a particular audience.



What else is happening this term?



PE: Monday and Thursday: Please ensure the children **bring trainers to school** on these days.

Homework: Please continue to ensure your child takes time over their homework, presenting their work neatly at all times (especially the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check books). Can I please ask that **all written homeworks** are signed, including the Friday Check-up book. Learning at home is a necessary exercise and I would love to see more mental maths questions and mini paragraphs written into these books.

Other News: We are busy 'OUT and ABOUT' this term. We will be meeting our Camphill friends for a Shared Education trip to Cultra on Friday 17th May. We are also off to W5 on Monday 3rd June for our end of term trip and an opportunity to meet up with our penpals. Details for both trips will follow.