



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 1

Term 2

2026



The World Around Us - (Science, Geography and History)

Our first theme this term is the Polar Lands. The children will be learning to name and identify a characteristic about a polar animal. During Play the children will be busy making polar animals before they go on their very own polar excursions, both indoor and outdoor. If possible, could your child please bring in small cereal boxes (flattened), empty toilet roll holders and empty egg cartons to help replenish our junk box. Secondly, Keeping Healthy is our theme after the mid-term break. The children will be looking at ways they can keep themselves fit and healthy. We will set up our very own gym class and café in school.

Maths (Using Maths Mastery):

- **Mental Maths** – developing an understanding of the language one greater / one more / one less / one fewer than, up to 15.
- **Number** – counting to 10/15, grouping and sharing, doubling and halving.
- **Addition and subtraction within 10** – understand that addition means counting on and subtraction means taking away.
- **Number Formation** – using correct starting point.
- **Shape and Space** – name common 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
- **Time** – naming days of the week, seasons and sequencing daily events.

Literacy:

- **Phonics** – We will continue to introduce two sounds each week and revise all sounds from Term 1.
- **Word Building** – focusing on CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) eg pen, pin.
- **Report Writing** – creating a sentence about a polar animal / keeping healthy. Focus formation, word building and spacing.
- **Handwriting** – we will continue to focus on the correct formation of our letters. We are implementing new rhymes this term. Please replace old rhymes with our new version. These will be sent home in homework folders.

PE: - Dance is our theme this term and we hope to end the term learning a folk dance.

PDMU: As part of our **Trócaire Lenten Campaign** P1 pupils will be collecting Loose Change this year. P1 children will travel with Mr Conlon in small groups each week to collect change from every class.

P1 Parent Meetings: End January. A date and time will be issued via Seesaw.

Mathseeds (online) This will be used as part of our Blended Learning. Your child will be encouraged to complete an assigned task each week.

RE – Grandparent's Day – 30th Jan. Mass for children and grandparents to sit together and share experience.

ICT:

Children will be involved in Digital Storytelling. They will be learning how to make an object move using **I Can Animate**, an app on their iPad.

Safer Internet Week – 2nd Feb Theme – Smart tech, safe choices.