



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 2 Term 2 2025-2026



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Connected Learning is of the upmost importance within the Foundation Stage. Themes are changed every half term and linked with all areas of the National Curriculum. Currently we are studying '**Winter/Night**'. We are identifying a range of nocturnal and diurnal birds and their behaviours. P2 are researching sources of natural and man-made light, how light makes shadows and how light sources have changed through history. We are learning about the importance of light and how we keep safe on the road at night.

After midterm we will focus on '**Castles**' both fact and fictional (Fairy Tales). We will label the parts of the castle, explore the rooms and identify the roles of the people who lived in the castles of the past. We will develop 'story boards' using castle vocabulary and characters, as a foundation for creating animations, enhancing our ICT skills and knowledge.

This term in:

Numeracy: In our Maths Mastery this term, the Year 2 children will focus on:

- **Time**
- **Exploring calculation strategies within 20**
- **Numbers to 50 and**
- **Addition and subtraction within 20**

Literacy: Report writing is a key area. Pupils will identify the features of reports and their layout. Children will also explore instructional writing and diary writing. Pupils will explore fairy tales to identify the beginning, middle and ending of a story using this structure within their writing. Comprehension activities linked with guided reading will form part of the weekly homework. We will also begin our new 'Handwriting Scheme' focusing on two letters each week.

ICT: Pupils will explore digital storytelling using model castles and model characters. Through paired activities they will produce a short animation on the iMovie app for our school website: www.mqpglenravel.com and Seesaw.

What else is happening this term?

PE: Please send PE shoes on Thursday. Our focus this term is gymnastics and dance.

PDMU: Pupils will explore how we can stay safe, physically and virtually, and the choices we can make to keep our body healthy. They will explore how to care for and work cooperatively with others throughout the weeks of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Take 5 - We have been using the acronym CLANG to help remember the 5 steps: CONNECT, keep LEARNING, be ACTIVE, take NOTICE, GIVE. We have been linking these words to our curriculum, events and activities e.g.- Grandparents' Day- (Give, Connect, Notice).

Important Dates:

Grandparents' Day 30th January 2026

World Book Day 5th March 2026

World Maths Day 25th March 2026