



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 1 Term 3 2026



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



Our first theme this term is In the Garden. The children will be learning the parts of a flower, and they will be able to name and draw different spring flowers we see in our gardens. During Play the children will be busy making bunting and flowers to sell in our Garden Shop. We will also be planting sunflowers in school as well as one for home. Hopefully your little gardening experts will know how to take care of their flower over the summer!

Under the Sea is our final theme of the term. The children will be recognising and naming different shells, seaweed and some coastal features you might find at the beach.

Maths (Using Maths Mastery):

- **Mental Maths** – developing an understanding of problem solving.
- **Number** – number patterns within 20, introducing addition/subtraction facts. Through practical activities children will explore addition and subtraction.
- **Money** – recognise coins to 10p and their value. Carryout simple shopping activities using 1ps only.
- **Measure** – describe and compare capacities, volumes and weight.
- **Time** – make/tell the time o'clock. Understand what time is an hour earlier and an hour later.

Literacy:

- **Phonics** – Focusing on middle vowel sounds, e,i,o,u in small cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words E.g. pen, pin
- **Word Building** - focusing on rhyming words
- **Creative Writing** – linking a few sentences together to create a short story about a picture. Focusing on different starting words.
- **Handwriting** - we will continue to focus on the correct formation of our letters, using our new rhymes.

PE:

- In Term 3 we hope to start our half mile run in the yard each morning @ 9am, building up the distance each day.

PDMU:

- Sun Safety- children will learn how to stay safe in the sun.
- Water Safety – children will learn how to stay safe around water.

RE:

We celebrate Our Lady in the month of May. I'd encourage the children to bring in a few flowers from your garden to place in our May Altar.

Important Dates:

School Trip – Thursday 4th June to Honey Bees, Ballymena.

Sports Day- Friday 29th of May @ Fr Maginn Park.

P1 Mass - Tuesday 12th May in Parish church @ 9:00a.m.

Movie Premiere "P1 Memories"

- Wednesday 24th June in Parish Hall @ 10:45 a.m.
- School closed @ 12:30 p.m.