



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 6 McG Term 1 2026-2027



The World Around Us (WAU)

Our topic this term is **Living Things**. The children will research and present information on aspects of flowering plants and animals. They will use a variety of thinking maps to organise their research for report writing. They will also write a set of instructions on how to germinate a broad bean seed.

The children will develop skills in identifying trees in their locality, as well as the features of deciduous and coniferous trees. Pupils will also learn about the parts and life cycle of a flowering plant, and what plants need to grow.

We will link our research to maths by measuring the circumference of trees and the area of leaves. We will also use leaves that we collect to create our very own leaf creatures.

Children will learn about the variety of animals in our world and how they are classified. We will investigate the life cycles of Salmon and Daddy Longlegs, as well as the systems of a very familiar animal: the human.

This term, the children will explore science through practical activities, observation and discussion. They will ask questions, make predictions and learn how scientists discover more about the world around them.

We will focus on two experiments. First, the pupils will observe a broad bean seed over time, recording any changes in growth and condition. This will help them understand how plants change.

Second, they will investigate how exercise affects heart rate by measuring their pulse before and after physical activity. They will compare results and discuss how the body responds to exercise.

This term in:

Maths: Through Maths Mastery, we are working on 5 areas of the Numeracy curriculum this term:

- Reasoning with large whole numbers to 999,999.
- Addition and subtraction strategies to 999,999.
- Line graphs and timetables.
- Multiplication and division strategies.
- Perimeter and area.

In mental maths we will be focussing on quick recall of number facts such as times tables. It is important that the children have a sound knowledge of these number facts and can recall them quickly.

Literacy: We will continue to develop our comprehension skills in our shared and guided reading lessons. We will focus on making predictions and using the text to justify our answers. We will look at the features of instructional and report writing and the children will complete writing tasks based on our WAU topic. Our class novel for this term is Danny the Champion of the World. Children will build a picture of a character using descriptive language.

ICT: Our focus for Term 1 will be Computational Thinking & Coding. We will use the Scratch Software to develop the children's coding skills. This term we will be focusing on broadcasting, where we make 2 Sprites communicate with each other.

Block Play: This term, we will continue our Block Play activities. The children will explore different stages of block play, including creating enclosed spaces and learning about the human body by placing organs in the correct positions. They will also plan and build real-life structures that help people in our community, such as homes, schools, and hospitals.

Handwriting: Continuing with our handwriting scheme, this term we will focus on lowercase cursive letter formation.

What else is happening this term?

PE:

Our PE day is Thursday until Hallowe'en. Our focus in the PE curriculum is game development and gymnastics.

Swimming begins 19th October and will continue after Halloween for 4 weeks.

We will have Gaelfast coaching on Tuesdays from Halloween to Christmas.

Homework:

Numeracy on a Monday and Wednesday.

Literacy on a Tuesday and Thursday.

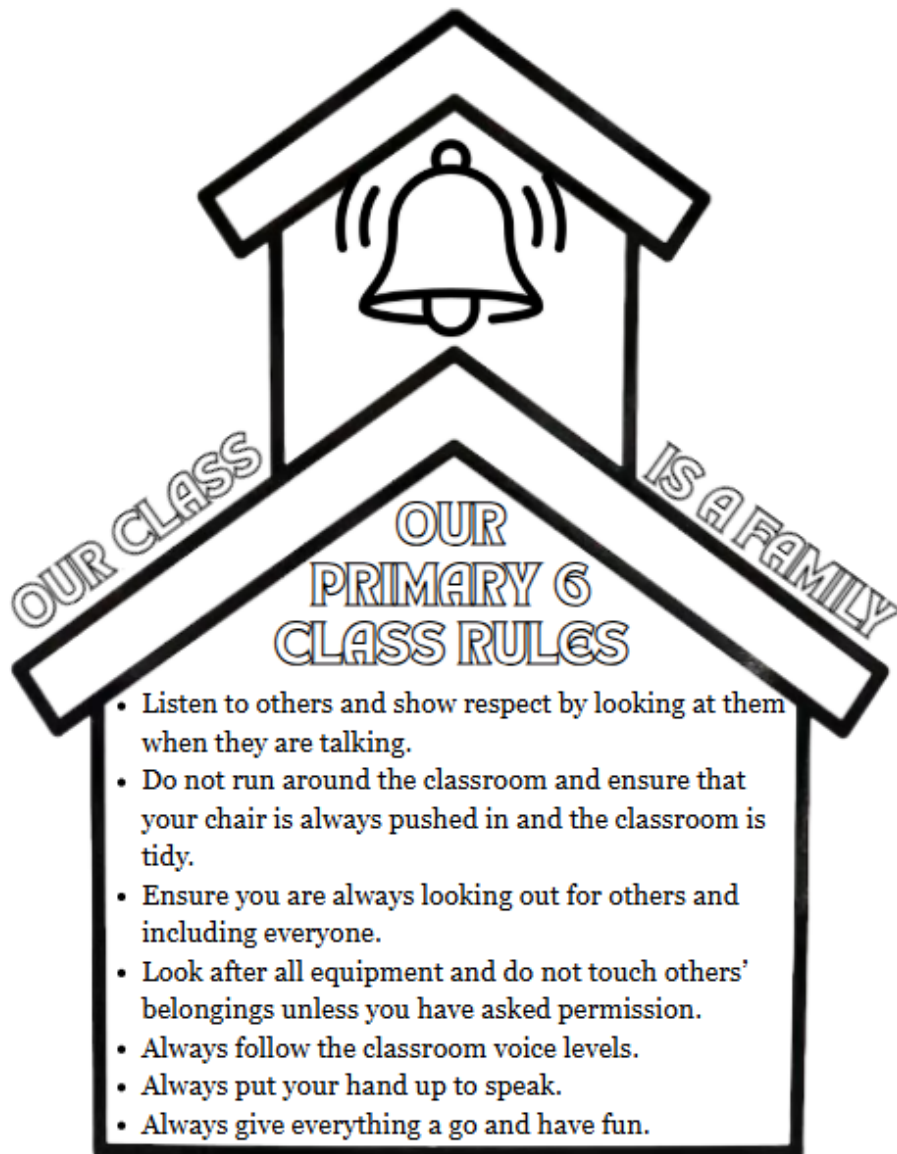
Children will complete spellings, mental maths and reading every night (either AR or Guided Reading).

Helping at Home:

-Ensure children complete all their homework to the best of their ability and sign it to show you have seen it.

-Encourage your child to research information about Living Things at home and share their findings with the class.

Our P6 Class Contract 2026/27



Playground rules

Look after each other and play nicely.

Be kind to everyone.

Use gentle hands and gentle words.

We follow instructions of the adult on duty.

Take care of the playground and all the equipment.

We share and take turns.

We invite children on their own to join in.