



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 3 Term 1: 2024-2025



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme this term is Houses and Homes. The children will be learning about the house they live in and the materials used to build it. Through the story of The Three Little Pigs the children will investigate which materials are best suited to building a house.

The children will investigate houses around the world, both famous houses and not so famous, and those of an interesting and wonderful design. Through Activity Based Learning and Outdoor Play, the children will use a variety of materials to build houses, use dictionaries, chalk and white boards to find and write words associated with houses and small world play.

The children will go for a walk around their village and investigate the types of houses near our school. They will record this information using a tally chart and upon returning to the classroom present this data in graph form. Primary 3 pupils will also write about their experience.

This term in:

Maths: This term, following our Maths Mastery scheme, the children will be very busy recognising and developing accuracy and speed in counting from 0 - 100. The children will work hard on understanding what comes before/after and between these numbers. The children will also become familiar with partitioning numbers to 100 as well as recognising odd and even numbers. Addition and subtraction of 2 - digit numbers will be introduced and used to solve problems. In data handling the children will use a tally chart to record the types of houses they have discovered on their village walk and present this information in graph form. Centimetres and metres will be introduced to measure length.

Literacy: In Literacy, the children will be working hard on punctuation [capital letters and full stops] and handwriting, remembering spacing and the tall letters as well as taking care to remember the letters with a tail and small letters. Initially, this will be developed through diary writing based on the children's weekend activities. The children will retell the story of The Three Little Pigs. They will also write a letter from the Wolf, apologising for his behaviour and introduce a modern input on the fairy tale. In reading, the children will focus on developing fluency, expression and comprehension.

ICT: This term the children will be focussing on developing skills taught in Computational Thinking and Coding and use the Scratch program, first introduced in Primary Two. They will continue to independently practise choosing their sprite; changing their sprite; inserting a background, movement, sound and word. The children will also begin to develop their ability to search, select, copy and paste an image. They will express ideas, evaluate their work and think about how they can improve it.

PE: Don't forget your trainers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

PDMU: Each week we will complete activities based on one of the 5 themes of CLANG- connect, learning, activity, notice and giving.

Homework:

Reading: Please encourage your child to read out loud to you, each night of homework.

Literacy: Literacy homework will be on a Monday and Tuesday. This will be based on spellings and grammar.

Numeracy: Numeracy homework will be on a Wednesday and Thursday.

All of these homeworks will be included in one homework booklet which will go home on a Monday and be collected on a Friday.

Spellings: Please encourage your child to use his/her Learning at Home Book to write their spellings in each night.

Sounding Out: We will be focusing on different sounds each week. Please encourage your child to read the words in the appropriate sound list to you.

Mental Maths: Please follow the mental maths guidance from the homework sheet and use the Learning at Home Book to give your child some examples of these each night.

Blended Learning: We will continue to use Seesaw, as a means of communicating between home and school.

Our Playground Rules

1. Line up quietly.
2. Use kind words.
3. Share.
4. Use gentle hands.



Our Classroom Rules

1. We use our good listening ears and are ready to learn.
2. We always use our manners.
3. We always use kind words.
4. We always help each other.
5. We always try to be the best we can be and never give up.
6. We respect ourselves and others.

