



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 3

Term 2 2024-25



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our themes this term are Winter and Weather. The children will be learning about the changes that occur in the world around us in winter, recording the temperature in the month of January and discussing how to look after the birds. The children will also investigate how certain animals and birds survive in polar climates. These investigations will then be used to write a report on a polar animal or bird. After the mid-term break the children will be investigating the weather, both locally and globally. They will also be investigating other natural phenomena caused by weather such as flash flooding, drought and tornadoes. Each child will be given the chance to research and 'read' a daily weather report for the class.



### **This term in:**

**Maths:** In Maths Mastery this term we will be working on Time and reading times on analogue clocks. We will continue with fractions and identifying  $\frac{1}{2}$ s,  $\frac{1}{4}$ s and  $\frac{1}{3}$ s in shapes and numbers. This will be followed by adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and investigating money. We will complete the term by investigating 3D shapes. In our weekly mental maths strategies, we will develop the concepts of doubles and halves, near doubles, multiplication and division, add/subtract 11, add three single numbers together. The focus will be on developing speed and accuracy in all of these mental maths strategies.

**Literacy:** The children will be writing about winter – what it sounds, smells, looks, tastes and feels like. They will be writing instructions explaining how to build a snowman and they will also write a report on a polar animal. The children have been learning about rhyme and will use this to write a Winter Poem. After mid-term the pupils will become weather forecasters and create a weather report as well as writing a report about the Martinstown tornado.

**ICT:** The children will complete a Digital Storytelling task using the Stop Motion app on the iPads. In groups, the children will plan and use a story board to create a short movie. The children will also use the Cool Kid Facts app on the iPads to research their polar animal, and learn how to find, copy and paste an image of their chosen polar animal to include in their report.

**Religion:** This term the children will be busy learning the prayers and songs for First Confession. They will also take part in activities based on Catholic Schools' Week beginning Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **What else is happening this term?**



**PE:** Don't forget your trainers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This term we are working on Creative and Folk dances.

**Homework:** Continue to read with your child every night. The children are great readers and love an audience. Encourage your child to write out their spellings every night in their Learning at Home book and please try to include some spellings from previous weeks. Please keep using the guidance in the weekly homework sheets, as to the mental maths focus for the week and please try to include mental maths questions each night in your child's Learning at Home Book.

**First Confession:** First Confession is on Wednesday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Please continue to help your child to practise their prayers.

**PDMU:** We are continuing to follow our CLANG approach to mental wellbeing. As before, this includes Connecting with others, keep Learning new things, being Active, taking Notice and Giving to others.