



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 4

Term 2 2024 - 2025

# CELEBRATE!



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme this term is 'Celebrations'. The children will be researching their birthdays and finding out lots of interesting things about their 'birth date' and collating their information into a poster. They will also learn about some other popular celebrations that are enjoyed by people from different cultures and in different parts of the world, such as Chinese New Year, Diwali, Ed-UI-Fitr/Ramadan and Hanukkah. Pupils will locate different countries on the world map and learn about the 7 continents of the world. The children will also have the opportunity to listen to music and try some celebration dances from different cultures such as a simple Diwali dance. After mid-term we will start preparing for First Holy Communion. Could I please ask you to ensure your child continues to learn new prayers as they are sent home.

### **This term in:**

**Maths:** We will continue to revise the work from our earlier Maths Mastery units on the addition and subtraction of hundreds, tens, and ones, as well as place value to 999. In Maths Mastery this term the children will focus on length and perimeter, multiplication and division, time, and fractions. In mental maths we will revise the 2, 5, and 10 times tables, focus on the multiplication and division of the 3 and 4 times tables and explore fractions. Hit the Button and Daily 10 are both excellent apps to use in maths to help with quick recall.

**Literacy:** We will continue with report writing this term, basing our reports on 'Celebrations from Around the World.' Included in our report writing will be investigating and note taking to inform our report writing. Non-fiction books and relevant websites will be used in our research. Narrative writing and poetry will also be a focus this term. The children will also be developing their understanding of alphabetical order and dictionary skills. There will be a huge focus on handwriting this term, particularly looking at the formation and size of letters.

### **ICT:**

This term in ICT the children will get the opportunity to continue to develop their Film and Animation skills using the Stop Motion app. The children will also be using Microsoft Word to make a birthday invitation. They will be changing font size, style and colour and will be taught how to use text boxes correctly. Safer Internet Day will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

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



**PE:** Tuesday: our focus this term will be on developing our skills in Dance: trainers should be brought to school on these days. Daily Mile will continue, when possible as well as our daily brain breaks.

**Homework:** Please ensure your child continues to take time over their homework, always presenting their work neatly. Please remember that learning homework is as important as written homework.

**PDMU:** We will continue to follow our Take 5 steps to wellbeing.

**Catholic Schools' Week:** We will celebrate Catholic Schools' Week this year from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ".

**First Communion:** Prayers will start to be sent home after mid-term. It is very important that the children practise these prayers every night.