



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 6 Term 3 2024-2025



"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

The World Around Us (WAU)

Our topic this term is Flight in Nature & The Science of Flight. Children will research and discover information about birds that migrate to and from Ireland in the summer months.

The children will develop skills in map work by labelling countries visited by migratory birds. Children will investigate the shape and structure of a bird's wing and how a bird is able to fly.

We will also be conducting a number of science experiments based on the four forces of flight (lift, thrust, drag and gravity) which will involve the children planning for investigations, obtaining evidence, presenting, and interpreting results and developing a range of practical skills, including the safe use of science equipment. These experiments will include: levitating a ping pong ball, crushing a tin can using air pressure, keeping an egg safe during flight.

We will also research pioneer aviators from history, looking at where flight started and what the industry has evolved into. We will pay particular attention to Amelia Earhart and The Wright Brothers.

This term in:

Maths:

Through Maths Mastery, we are working on 4 areas of the Numeracy curriculum this term:

- Converting Units of Measure
- Calculating with whole numbers and decimals
- 2-D & 3-D shape
- Volume
- Problem Solving

In mental maths, we will continue to work on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and use this knowledge to answer word problems.

Literacy: We will be focussing on Report Writing and the difference between chronological and non-chronological reports. We will write a report based on a migratory bird and a pioneer aviator.

ICT: Our focus for Term 3 is Computational Thinking and Coding. The children will use the program Scratch to revise and develop their coding skills.

PDMU: Throughout Term 3, we will continue to focus on our well-being. Children will spend time learning about their own identity, and what makes them who they are. We will investigate what makes a good friend and how to be a good leader.

Grow in Love: We will be learning all about being part of The Church and how the Holy Spirit encourages us to live a good Christian life and be part of Jesus' mission for today. We will research the pilgrims within our Church and discover how God is full of love and forgiveness.

What else is happening this term?

PE: Tuesday and Thursday are our designated PE days. Children should wear their trainers into school on these days. We are focussing on athletics and rounders this term.

Homework:

All pupils have Maths, Grammar & Punctuation and Spelling Activity to complete each night.

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 continue to revise the quick recall of multiplication and division facts.

School Trip

Our school trip is to Airtastic on 10th June. You will have received an email containing all the details.