



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 3

Term 3

2023-2024

## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)



Our theme this term is the Water Cycle and Life Cycles. The children will investigate the Water Cycle. They will learn about the journey water takes as it moves from the land to the sky and back again. The children will witness this process in action when they complete their water cycle experiment.

The children will also be learning about the lifecycle of frogs, sunflowers and butterflies. They will investigate how animals and plants grow and study the similarities and differences between the different life cycles. The children will identify what happens at each stage and sequence the cycle. They will discover the role nature plays in the life cycle of plants and animals. The children will plant sunflower seeds, watch how they develop and discover what they need for them to grow.



### **This term in:**

**Maths:** In mental maths the children will be use the 'make 10' strategy to help with speed and accuracy in addition. They will also use the strategy of rounding and adjusting to develop speed and accuracy in adding/subtracting 11 and adding/subtracting 9, finding halves and quarters of numbers and rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. Through the Maths Mastery Scheme, in number we will add and subtract 2-digit numbers, including solving word problems. The children will be introduced to quarters and colour/shade quarters in shapes. We will learn how to recognise and write amounts of money and calculate change. In shape we will identify 2D and 3D shapes, according to their properties.

**Literacy:** The children will be writing about the life cycle of the frog, sunflower and butterfly. They will focus on writing in sequence and on using different ways to start new sentences. The children will rewrite the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in the past tense, design a menu for the caterpillar and write a diary of a butterfly. Also, the children will work on story planning in Narrative Writing. They will use a planning frame to help with being creative with their characters, plot and setting.

**ICT:** The children will use their ICT skills to research lifecycles and the water cycle. They will also develop their word processing skills, learning how to insert a picture and change colour, font, and size of writing.

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



**PE:** Don't forget PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Homework:** Continue to read with your child **every night**. They are great readers and love an audience. Please keep practising spellings every night and please keep going over **past spellings** especially from lists **A, B and C**. Continue to follow the mental maths guidance from the homework sheet.

**Art:** The children will be attending a History and Pottery workshop based on the Glenravel mines and the upcoming Furnace Festival, towards the end of May. More details to follow.

**School Trip:** P3 will visit the Sports Hut on Friday 31st May. Please remember to bring a packed lunch in a labelled plastic bag.

**Please ensure all school jumpers are labelled, hopefully the warmer weather is just around the corner!**