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HOLY TRINITY ENNISKILLEN

Newsletter

February 2022

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Dates to remember:

14th – 18th February: Midterm Break, school closed.

17th – 18th March: St Patricks Break, school closed.

14th - 22nd April: Easter Holidays.

2nd, 5th & 6th May: school closed. ***Please note this is a change to the school calendar due to the elections)**

New equipment Our student council enjoyed trying out some of the new equipment bought for our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds with money raised from last years sponsored walk. There are new balls, bats, balance balls, large connect 4 games, sensory hoops, large X/O games. The school has also bought basketball nets, a table, playground benches and some playground blackboards. We hope to have this equipment set up and out in the playgrounds soon so children can enjoy it.



Catholic School's Week was celebrated across the school from the 24th to 28th January. The

theme was 'Living Life to the Full' and some of the lessons through the week linked to this theme. There were a number of online assemblies held through the week on the

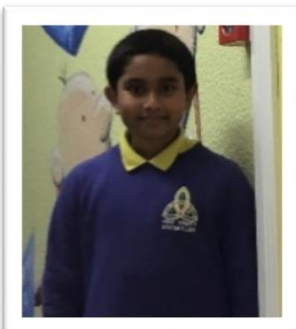
themes of celebrating our

colleagues, celebrating God's creations and celebrating our grandparents. Teachers also talked to their classes about 'Random Acts of Kindness'.



Credit Union Art Competition

Holy Trinity Pupils have had great success in this year's Credit Union Art competition entitled 'Imagine'. Congratulations to P7 pupils Arjun and Emily who won joint first prize of £50, to P7 pupils Amy and Eireann who came joint second and to P6 pupil Teja who came third. They have each received a cheque and a certificate.





Internet Safety Day In P1 the children are learning about keeping safe on the internet. They listened to stories with DigiDuck about keeping safe when using computers or mobile devices. They also talked with their teachers about how they stay safe and enjoyed colouring some DigiDuck pictures.



P3 have fun in ICT Primary 3 children created some beautiful art work to celebrate Catholic School's week. Miss Murray's class used the 'MS Paint' program during ICT to create their pictures. Some of the other classes drew pictures by hand and coloured them in.



Learning about St Brigid in P3 St Brigid's day is celebrated on the 1st February. To mark the day the primary 3 pupils listened to the story of St Brigid and talked to their teacher about her life. They also made St Brigid's crosses to take home.



Chinese New Year Miss Corrigan's class celebrated Chinese New Year by tasting some delicious Chinese food and Chinese tea. They had fun trying to lift food with chop sticks. It was a new experience for the class.



NSPCC PANTS Teachers have been talking to pupils of the importance of keeping themselves safe and speaking to a trusted adult. Our children are encouraged to use the classroom worry boxes when something is bothering them.

P4 participated in a lovely 'Love for Life' session with Nathan and Sarah.

We learnt how we are all unique, we respect each other's differences and our bodies are an amazing gift that we look after by eating a balanced diet, drinking enough water, keeping clean, getting enough sleep and exercising every day. We also explored friendships and our emotions and talked about what we could do when we feel stressed or angry.



Mummifying Oranges In Primary 4 the pupils have been learning lots of interesting facts about Ancient Egypt in class. They have also been carrying out their own research on the internet during their ICT class. They have made some very interesting PowerPoints using facts they have learnt as well as the ancient Egypt photos they have found online. They really enjoyed working in groups in class to mummify oranges. Enya from Mrs Mongan's class was very inspired by her classroom learning and made an Ancient Egyptian sarcophagus with a mummy inside at home!



Gaelic skills in P5

Primary 5 classes are enjoying their Gaelic Skills with Thomas each week. The children have been working really hard on their teamwork and communication skills as well as on their balance, sprinting, catching and marking skills.



Learning about Measuring Primary 6 pupils enjoyed being outside and using the trundle wheels and the iPad 'Measure' app for estimating and measuring as part of their 'Length' topic in maths.



3D Printing The P7 children have really enjoyed designing and coding with BlocksCAD to create their own key chain name tags files. Mr Starrs sent each pupil's key chain file to the 3D printer for printing. Orla and Rhys wrote about their experience. *"We used BlocksCAD to create our key rings files for the 3D printer. It was a fun*

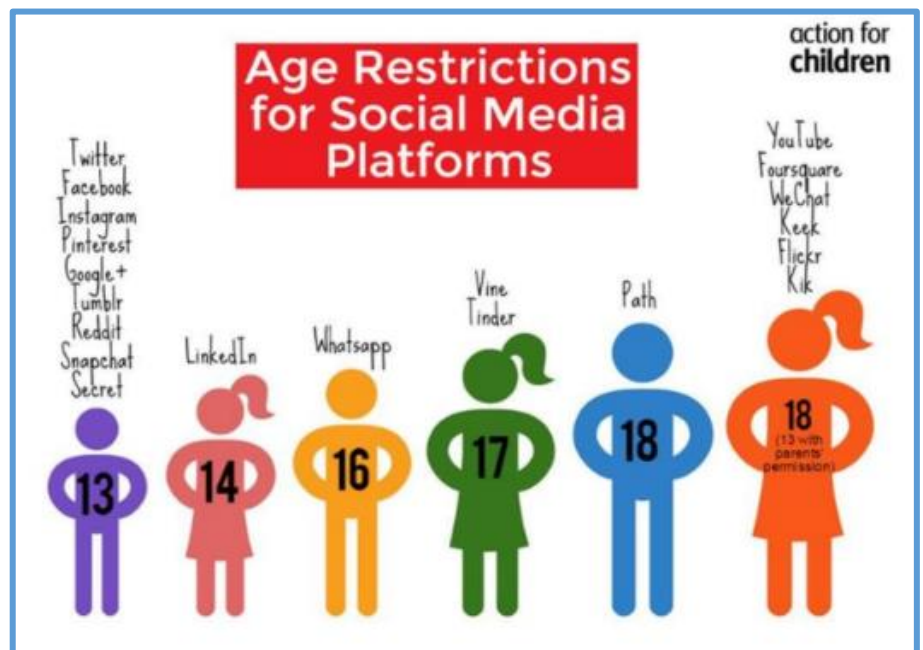


experience as we all learnt how to code on the computers, if we didn't already know. Quite a few of the pupils were great at coding straight away whilst others needed a bit of help from those who were good. Some pupils actually got to see how the 3D printer makes the keychains and they thought it was really cool to see the layers. The temperature of the printer's nozzle was 200 degrees and the plate was 60 degrees so we couldn't touch it!"



Internet Safety Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly. Safer Internet Day 2022 was on **8th February**, the theme was **'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'**. Classes across the school completed safer Internet activities during that week. For more information visit: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>

Please note: Primary school children are too young to be allowed unsupervised access to any of these Apps.



Keeping children safe online The NSPCC website has some helpful online safety guides and advice which you may find useful. Visit the NSPCC website site at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> See age ratings for various Apps at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/app-age-rating/>

Overview of planned work for February 2022

Primary 1

Topic: Toys



Role Play: The Toy Shop

Numeracy: Focus Number: 6 and 7. Children will be introduced to different ways of making 6 and 7.

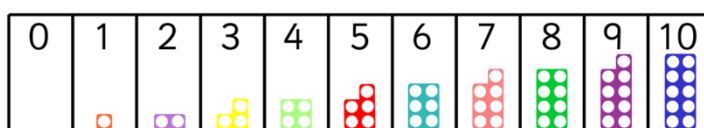
- The story of 6 / 7:



$$1+5=6, 2+4=6, 3+3=6, 4+2=6, 5+1=6.$$

$$1+6=7, 2+5=7, 3+4=7, 4+3=7, 5+2=7, 6+1=7.$$

- Continue to count with your child up to 10/20/30/40/50.
- Using your number line help your child to find the number before/number after, the number next to, 1 more than and 1 less than. Using this language with your child is very important.



3D Shape: Recognise a cone. Look for cones when you are out and about e.g. traffic cones/an ice-cream cone.



Literacy: This month the children will learn the following sounds: **ai, j, oa, ie, ee** and **or**

They will listen to the story, song and learn the correct formation of each letter. Your child will receive the 3rd set of Jolly Phonics letters to add to their learning pack. Please continue to play snap, pairs and build simple words together.

Rhyming Words: We are learning about words which rhyme. We are focusing on **at** and **an** words and **ig** and **in** words. e.g. Pig, Big, Wig / Fin, Bin, Win.

During story time with your child emphasise and point out words which rhyme to help your child hear these. You could play a game guessing which words rhymes with e.g. "hat"

Letter Formation: During homework activities please focus on using the correct formation of letters and numbers with your child. Correct formation information is at the front of the homework book.

Word Book: It is very important that you spend time each day reading and recognising these words. These are words which your child is coming across in their reading books.



Musical Pathways: The children are enjoying weekly music lessons with Mrs Grainne Kirk. During this time, we are learning to hear a steady beat in music and we are having opportunities to sing a variety of songs. The children are participating and responding very well. Early experiences in music have links to helping children focus and concentrate and in turn aid their progress in literacy and numeracy. Ask your child to sing you some of the songs they have learnt.

Primary 2



Literacy: During the month of February our shared, guided and modelled reading and writing will focus around the topic of 'The Circus'. Talk to your child about your own experiences of visiting the circus. How has the circus changed? What was your favourite act?

We are encouraging pupils to **recognise**, be able to **say the sounds** of and **correctly form** all letters covered to date from the Jolly Phonics programme. (This can be accessed on YouTube by searching 'Jolly Phonics'). Pupils will continue to use their phonic knowledge to sound out key words when writing simple sentences with **increasing** independence. It is very important that children are encouraged and supported with this both at home and in school.



Numeracy:

This month we will continue working on our topic of **Time**. Pupils will learn o'clock and half past times on analogue and digital clocks.

We will begin work on our **Money** topic. We will be encouraging the children to recognise 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, and £1 coins. We will be using coins within our play based learning to practise making and counting amounts of money up to 10p.

- We will continue to work on quick recall of number bonds within 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
- We will continue counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.

World Around Us / Learning through Play /Other Areas of Learning

- Connected lessons linked to the topic 'The Circus' – clowns, tricks and circus acts.

Making clown masks, circus small world set, circus / clown jigsaws, circus acts keywords and sentence writing cards, circus stories, circus / clown paintings, practising tricks, etc.

Please note - we do not focus on circus animals during this topic.



Primary 3

Mathematics: Children will:

- continue to count in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s up to 50 /100
- be familiar with the patterns which occur e.g. a quick way to 16 is by adding 10 and 6 more
- work on doubles and halves of number to 20
- continue to complete word problems relating to addition and subtraction
- continue to reinforce addition and subtraction number bonds to 20
- continue to work on addition of T.U. while bridging the 10 and subtraction of T.U.

Topic Work:

- Fractions halves and quarters of number and shapes
- Data handling related to recording of weather

Literacy: We will continue to look at some of the works of Jill Tomlinson, our class novel is her book ***The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark***. Our writing genre for this month is procedural writing. This will be related to our W.A.U. topics of weather (e.g. how to make a windmill). Topical poetry related to weather and a study of poem ***The Owl and the Pussy Cat*** with related literacy lessons. Our Grammar focus is identifying verbs and adding *ing/ed*



The World Around Us: We will:

- continue our weather theme looking at ways to gather information and record the data (linked to numeracy)
- look at a map of Ireland - locate places of interest e.g. cities, Enniskillen
- look at the history of great 'Science Inventors' and the 'Hot Air Balloon'

Primary 4

Literacy: Pupils will know that alliteration is the repetition of the same sound or letter at the beginning of each or most of the words in a sentence. They will use alliteration to make up newspaper article titles. Pupils will know what question words are and will look at when we use question marks. Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rule. Pupils will be reading their class novel '***Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery***' and will be writing a newspaper report based on Stanley's adventure.

Numeracy: Pupils will continue to learn and apply multiplication facts. Our topic work this month will cover 2D shape where children will name 2D shapes and identify their properties. Pupils will know how to find the area of rectangles and squares. We will also be continually revising the times of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, minutes past and minutes to, days of the week and months of the year.

World Around Us: Our topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt'. We will continue researching Ancient Egypt to help us complete PowerPoints on computer. Pupils will be learning about the skeleton and the major organs of the body. They will be creating a holiday brochure for Egypt. Pupils will know how society was organised in Ancient Egypt and they will be learning all about Tutankhamun.



Primary 5

Numeracy

- Number: Division work using bus stop method, division with remainders. Word problems around the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Linking multiplying and dividing work.
- Topic: Measures (length and weight).
- Mental Maths – Multiplying and dividing (weekly tables linked). Estimation of length and weight .

- Problem solving activities and word problems for division, length and weight.
- Weekly tables test preparation.

Literacy

- Novel: Continue work on '*Kaspar The Prince of Cats*' and related activities from novel booklet. Tin foil art prints on 'Kaspar Prince of Cats'.
- Grammar work – Apostrophes, possession – showing ownership, contractions (cannot = can't).
- We will complete 'Schofield & Sims' spelling programme and activities linked to each week.
- Writing – Start looking at different types of procedures and instructions. Tips for being safe on the Internet linked to Safer Internet Day.

World Around Us

- Topic work on Titanic –Survivors of the Titanic, Morse Code and who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic
- Independent research at home on the survivors and the music played when the ship was sinking

Other Information – Trips, Visits etc.

- Complete spelling revision every night (we will complete spelling work in class linked to weekly spellings). Spelling test on Friday morning in school.
- Accelerated reading will take place in class. The children can also complete reading at home and do a quiz in school on their level.
- Oxford Owl is still available to use. Username: ks2https, Password: password2.
**Please make sure you check that there is a quiz on the book if you wish to do a quiz on it. Go to the AR Bookfinder site at: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>
- Your child should be able to access their emails from home at this stage.
- Irish Dancing – Every Tuesday for 6 weeks.
- Gaelic – Every Friday for 6 weeks.
- Feel free to email the teacher with any concerns/queries about routines/work.
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Primary 6

Maths: Number

- Pupils will complete 'subtraction' work.
- Pupils will know tables up to x 12.
- Pupils will know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000.
- Pupils will solve word problems associated with multiplication.
- Pupils will understand the relationship between 'Multiplication' and 'Division'.

Topic

- Pupils will be become aware of measurement in its various forms.
- Pupils will be able to calculate perimeters of a range of shapes.
- Pupils will understand the term 'Area' and be able to work out the area of 2D shapes (regular and irregular) – counting squares/formula (cm²).
- Pupils will know that the area of square/rectangle (**LxB**).
- Pupils will know area of a triangle is LxB divided by 2.

English

- Pupils will know how to use speech marks.
- Pupils will recognise a play and how it is structured.
- Pupils will design a comic strip and begin to write a short play script.
- Pupils will understand and know the correct punctuation and grammar needed to write a play script.
- Pupils will know how dialogue is set out and be able to use adverbs to qualify verbs in writing dialogue.

World Around Us

- Pupils will complete our space topic.
- Pupils will begin The Vikings topic and find out: Who the Vikings were? Where they came from? Why did they travel to new lands?
- Children are encouraged to visit their local library and take out books that may be relevant to our topic.

Homework

- Pupils will complete SPELLINGS daily at home. Learn and complete columns in spelling booklet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Complete sentences or meanings on Monday night. Revise all tables on Thursday for Friday's test.
- Mental Arithmetic: Monday- complete part A and part B, Tuesday – complete part C. Ensure key language is highlighted and corrections completed.
- Learn TABLES daily at home. (Topmark's 'Hit the Button' is great fun programme for learning tables and pupils are familiar with it <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>).
- Other short homework activities will be set occasionally.
- READING: Pupils are encouraged to read lots at home (own books and books from the school library at their AR level). Quizzes can be completed in school. Pupils are asked to complete one quiz per week minimum.

Primary 7

Numeracy

- This month in 'Number' we will be covering multiplication, division and fractions.
- For topic work we will be covering measures, scale and time.
- Continue to learn and revise times tables from 1-12.

Literacy

- In writing children will focus on 'Persuasive Writing' looking in particular at advertisements and writing letters.
- Pupils will complete grammar work on active and passive verbs as well as prefixes and suffixes.
- Pupils will continue reading 'The Twelfth Day of July' Novel. This is linked closely with our World Around Us topic - Ireland/Northern Ireland.
- Pupils will complete associated work from the novel.

World Around Us: The topic this term is Ireland/Northern Ireland. Pupils will be learning the provinces and the counties of Ireland.

ICT: Safer INTERNET Day 2022 – 8th February 2022 – Pupils will complete a range of activities linked with this day throughout February.

PE:

- Pupils will have gymnastics on Wednesday
- Pupils will be participating in weekly swimming lessons this term
Mr Starrs – Thursday; Mrs McGurk – Friday; Mrs Clarke - Friday.

Music: Pupils will take part in Musical Pathway lessons every Thursday

HOMEWORK

- Spellings, Tables, Accelerated Reading. Pupils are expected to complete at least one AR quiz per week. Pupils will be given maths and literacy written homework on a Monday. These are to be completed for Thursday along with spelling meanings and sentences.
- Model of an Irish Landmark

CONFIRMATION: Hearts on Fire/Preparation Masses to prepare the children for their Confirmation. You will find more information about these masses on the school's social media. Pupils will be working on a Confirmation Keepsake book in class.

Key Dates

- Sunday 6th March 10.30am: Service of Light
- Tuesday 22nd March 6.30pm: Service of Light
- Confirmation is on Sunday 3rd April 2022 at 3pm in St Michael's Parish Church.



We ask that parents and carers take extra care when dropping off and collecting children.

Please make sure to:

- Come at the allocated time.
- Drive carefully at the drop off and pick up times.
- Be patient as we get your children safely to and from their car each day.

Thank you.