

Curriculum Newsletter P2 Term I

The World Around Us

(Science, Technology, Geography and History)

The theme we are studying this term is **'Wonderful Me'**.

The focus of this topic in September is to help the children gain a greater understanding of 'Ourselves', our bodies and how to care for them.

We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us in P.2! We will be busy learning about our senses, carrying out experiments based on investigating the role they play in our daily life. This topic has already led us to looking at our unique characteristics e.g. hair colour, eye colour and height. We have written facts about our body and have discussed our uniqueness by looking at our fingerprints. We have thought about words that describe us and have discussed what makes us special. We have a doctor's surgery role play area set up in the classroom for play based learning and we will be re-enacting the roles of patient, doctor and nurse. Any parent who works in the healthcare profession and would like to talk to the class about what they do would be very welcome to visit to share their knowledge. We also plan to invite the RNIB in an effort to help the children understand what it is like for people who are blind or partially sighted. We will be enjoying a trip to Coleraine hospital to gain an insight into the role the doctor and nurse play in caring for us.

Our Topic will change to **"Yum, Yum"** in the second half of the term. The children will investigate the importance of having a healthy and balanced diet. We will look at different types of food, sorting them into what we think we should eat most or least often and we will be investigating the hidden sugar content in foods and drinks. The children will enjoy making homemade vegetable soup and healthy fruit smoothies in order to promote healthy choices. We will plan a visit from a dental nurse to give us information about how to keep our teeth clean and the effect of sugary foods on our dental health. This topic will allow huge potential for investigation and research. For example, we will be looking at the importance of storing food in the correct place, examining whether bread keeps better in the fridge or at room temperature and we will be studying food labels to discover where in the world our food comes from and mapping the journey it makes before arriving on our plates!

What else is happening in the curriculum?

Homework: Children will have written Literacy and Numeracy tasks every Monday and Tuesday night and practical number and sound activities every Wednesday and Thursday. New reading books will be given each day and a library book will be sent home to enjoy at the weekend. The spelling and recognition of rhyming words and tricky words will be tested each Friday.

ICT: Children will programme the Beebot robot to move around the Farm/Supermarket mat, using a series of instructions. They will use Activ Inspire to draw a portrait of themselves.

Numeracy: We are working on number stories and bonds to 20, naming odd/even numbers and using money to 20p: 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p. Pattern, shape and data handling work will be revisited throughout the term also.

P.E: Children will enjoy P.E on Tuesday and will have Fundamentals with Daniel on a Wednesday. We will continue to run our daily mile. Please ensure your child's name is clearly marked on the inside of each plimsole.

What's going on this term?

P.2 will be getting busy inside and outside the classroom! We will be using our Nature trail to explore the topic of autumn as well as grasping opportunities to use the outdoor classroom for play based learning.

Class Contract

In order to secure a happy and safe learning environment P.2 have agreed upon the rules (overleaf) which we have thought about, written about and acted out. You will notice that these are presented in a positive 'We will' way. They can achieve them and we can succeed in keeping them. We will award children 'Green Cards' when they work well and conscientiously, adhering to the rules. There will also be 'Superstar Points' awarded to each table whenever they work hard and work together. At the end of each week, the 'Green Card Winner' will be rewarded as well as 'Table of the Week' too. The children are already enjoying watching their green cards accumulate! Another lovely surprise at the end of each week will be an award by our Principal. This child's achievements and positive character will be recognised at our weekly Friday assembly and they will be awarded a certificate by Mr O'Neill.

Our Class Rules



- ✓ We listen to our teacher and helpers.
- ✓ We put up our hands when we need to speak.
- ✓ We share and be kind to our friends.
- ✓ We walk in the classroom and corridors.
- ✓ We always line up nicely.

In the playground, we will make a special effort not to leave people out of our games and to be kind, gentle and welcoming, especially to the new Primary One children.



- ✓ We can be a good friend
- ✓ We can be gentle
- ✓ We can listen to each other
- ✓ We can play nicely
- ✓ We can walk in the classroom and in the corridor
- ✓ We can line up quietly

