



St Brigid's
PRIMARY SCHOOL, BALLYMONEY

Curriculum Newsletter P4 Term 1

The World Around Us

(Science, Technology, Geography and History.)

During September, P.4 are studying the topic of healthy eating, the importance of exercise in our lives and having a balanced diet. We are beginning to collect food labels in preparation for an Activity Based Learning task so any empty food wrappers would be great.

For the remainder of this term, the P.4 topic will be "My Place and Yours."
This topic will include a detailed study of Ballymoney Town.

We will be looking at the position of our school and town in relation to the world, the U.K and within Ireland. The children will produce a Powerpoint presentation to promote life in Ballymoney which they will then share with their peers in class.

In their WAU project they will include information and pictures about their local area and design factual travel brochures advertising local buildings and areas of interest in the town. To aid this work, the children will go on a 'trail' around the town, where they will take photographs and record short video clips.

We will also visit Ballymoney Museum in Term 1 to view pictures and records and discuss ways in which the town has developed and changed over the years.

Events to look forward to:

- The P4/P7 Natural Walk to Riverside Park
- A visit to Ballymoney library for a Storytelling Session- **Friday 22nd September.**
- A visit to Tesco on **Wednesday 27th September** - Farm to Fork Workshop linked to our Healthy Living topic.
- 26th October- Hezlett House Castlerock- Bird Workshop: Identifying birds and learning about migration.

PLESAE COME TO SCHOOL WITH A WARM COAT AND HAT ON THESE DAYS!!

What else is happening in the curriculum?

MATHS-

- Money (to include addition and subtraction within 50p /£1.00 / £5.00)
- Place Value- Th H T U
- Fractions to include $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$
- Time - $\frac{1}{4}$ past, $\frac{1}{4}$ to, $\frac{1}{2}$ past, 5 minute intervals
- 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.



SCIENCE- Practical investigation work based on how best to care for our bodies. This will involve looking at the importance of caring for our teeth, the impact of exercise on our bodies and looking at food labels.

P.E - Sessions will be on a Monday and Wednesday. Children will only need to change their shoes for the Monday sessions but will need P.E gear for the session every Wednesday. All P.E items (including Plimsolls) should be clearly marked with your child's name and class.



What's going on?

Homework: P.4 will be given homework every night; Literacy on a Monday and Wednesday and Numeracy on a Tuesday and Thursday. Occasionally RE and WAU homework activities will be given. Spellings will be given Monday - Wednesday with Thursday night being a chance to recap before testing on Friday.

Guided Reading: Books are given out at the start of each week and children will complete a specific activity related to this book on Tuesday/Wednesday in class. Additional reading material will be provided from the school library.

Class Rules (devised by Year 4)

1. We are all equal.
2. Listen when someone is speaking.
3. Care and share.
4. Be patient and understanding.
5. Always try your best.
6. Make sure no one feels left out.
7. Put your hand up to speak.
8. Make learning fun.

Our Playground Rule

Treat people how you would like to be treated.