



**St Brigid's**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL, BALLYMONEY



## Curriculum Newsletter Class B Term 1

### The World Around Us

(Science, Technology, Geography and History.)

Our theme for this term is 'Over the bridge'.

This topic will allow us to collaborate with Primary 5 in a range of areas.

There will be opportunities for the children to share active learning experiences involving group work, science investigations and technology (including ICT.)

This will include:

- Discussing the importance of bridges in our local environment, followed by a field trip to Riverside Park to investigate some of the bridges in our locality.
- Identifying shapes in famous and local bridges including the use of triangles for strength.
- Investigating the forces of friction and compression in bridge building.
- Examining famous international bridges including materials used, purpose for building and their function.
- Comparing and matching types of bridges.
- Making models using a variety of materials (including junk materials).
- Taking part in a building challenge with Year 5 pupils, which will involve planning, budgeting for and construction of a bridge in a small group.
- Exploring the work of famous artists and the bridges they created.
- Learning about the lives of some people who have helped to 'build bridges' between communities, here and abroad.
- Writing and telling stories, creating dramas and writing poems about how bridges are used every day.

#### What else is happening in the curriculum?

##### Maths

- Count forwards and backwards.
- Use a range of strategies to add on and take away, eg. Number line or tallies.
- Understand word problems and apply skills.
- Understand time within knowledge of number system.
- Read timetables, up to 24-hour clock.
- Times tables
- Adding and subtracting Tens and Units.

##### Literacy

**Talking and Listening:** a range of activities to develop listening, attention and memory skills.

**Reading:** pupils will focus on building reading vocabulary and understanding text. Pupils will engage in reading each day and they will bring a library book home each week.

We will share a class novel and complete a range of associated activities.

**Handwriting:** pencil control activities and correct letter formation.

**ICT:** we will use our iPad to create animations and short videos. We will develop mouse and presentation skills using our computers.

*Please continue to provide your child with a wallet or purse for their dinner (£2.60), toast (30p) and swimming money (£2.50).*

#### What's going on?

**PE:** Class B has PE on Mondays.

**Swimming:** Class B will continue to go swimming each Tuesday. Please ensure children bring their swimming gear and £2.50.

**Daily Mile:** We will continue with this initiative (walk, jog or run) so please ensure your child has a coat in school each day.

**Cooking:** We will cook a range of sweet and savoury dishes this term. **Please send in £5 towards the cost of ingredients.**

**Reading:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Library:** Wednesday

**Spellings:** Given on a Tuesday, tested during the week and on Friday.

**Number:** Time: Monday and Wednesday

Money: Tuesday and Thursday

**Homework Diary:** Please check each night and sign.

Class B have written their new class rules this week:

1. Put your hand up and don't shout out.
2. Try your best with all your work.
3. Tidy up after yourself.
4. Look after your books.
5. Use your inside voice in the classroom.
6. Be gentle.

All children have agreed to follow these rules.