



St Brigid's
PRIMARY SCHOOL, BALLYMONEY
Curriculum Newsletter P4 Term 2



The World Around Us
(Science, Technology, Geography and History.)

For Term Two, our theme is **"Through the Eyes of a Child."**

Our topic will include a detailed study of World War II with a strong focus being on what life would have been like for a child growing up in Northern Ireland during the war?

The children will study events such as the mass evacuation of children from their homes and families, rationing, the blackout and the Blitz.

Our Literacy focus in Term Two will be linked with our WAU topic with a strong emphasis being on report writing.

If you have any pictures or information which would help the children with the topic of 'Through the Eyes of a Child', we would love to hear from you.

ACTIVITY BASED LEARNING - The children should start to collect and bring in "blue bin" items such as cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, polystyrene, bubble wrap, egg boxes to help them construct model aeroplanes or tanks in their ABL sessions.

What else is happening in the curriculum?

P.E - In P.E, the children have begun a 6 week Gymnastics programme. Please ensure that children have the correct footwear (this may be left in school) and P.E gear for sessions every Wednesday and Thursday.

Numeracy:

Measure (Length, weight and capacity)

- Measuring items in the classroom and around our homes using mm, cm and m
- Weighing and balancing items using balance pans and measuring scales
- Reading scales on rulers (cm, mm) containers (ml, l) and balance scales (g and kg)
- Times tables – 3, 6, 9 timetables. Revision of 2, 4, 5 and 10 timetables.
- Co-ordinates – map work (which countries fought in the war and where they are located)

If you wish to support your child at home with Numeracy, Maths Sacks are available to borrow from the class teacher on topics such as addition/ subtraction/ multiplication and division. These sacks contain games and problems and can be used to help consolidate a topic or for additional support.

What's going on?

Reading: Guided Reading Books are given out every Monday. The children complete guided reading activities based on these books every Thursday. If you feel that your child would benefit from an additional book every week, please speak to me as these are available. The children complete guided reading activities based on these books every Wednesday.

We urge all parents and other family members to spend time daily on reading with your children.

Homework

Your child will have reading, spelling and written homework (English or maths) each night. The written part of the homework should take no longer than 30 minutes. It is important that your child has understood the homework task.

RE- We will be practising our prayers in preparation for Holy Communion, in particular the Confiteor, Our Father, Hail Mary (in Irish) and mass responses. Please support your child at home with prayers. You will have a copy of the prayers from the start of the year.

ICT- We will be making a video diary of a day in the life of a WW2 child.