



# TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful half term and was able to enjoy time with your families.

### Topic:

This term our topic is New Beginnings. Thankyou for completing the flower with your child this has helped to make the planning more meaningful to them. In this topic we will be looking at spring, growth of plants, we will have a 2 week section about Old McDonalds Farm where we will look at animals, their habitats and their young. We will then follow this with Farmer Duck and tie our learning to this story looking at friendship, teamwork and morals. As well as this we will be marking pancake day, Mothers day and Easter by tasting, creating and making different objects.

We have been lucky to secure donations from Challenge Fencing and Morrisons. This will help us to spruce up the outside area. We are still looking for donations of shrubs, bedding plants, bulbs, plantpots and soil. If you have any that you no longer need we would gratefully receive them.

### Literacy:

Our focus this term will be continuing to learn our sounds through Read Write Inc. As we continue to learn our sounds we will also be learning high frequency words such as and, the, on, sat etc. We will be using this knowledge to help us begin to write short sentences E.G Sam is big.

We will be encouraging more sentence writing. Children are encouraged to hold a sentence in their head, pinch their fingers as they say each word and then write the sentence down. E.G The dog is fat. This has 4 words so they should pinch 4 fingers. Some children will be encouraged to expand their sentences E.G The dog is fat and black.

### Maths:

This term we will be looking at positional language – on, under, above aswell as ordering objects by height, weight, length etc.

We will also continue to practice number formation and will continue to count objects upto and beyond 20.

### RE:

This term we will be looking at Gathering. This will tie in with Lent.

We will attend assembly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and will attend Mass with the school.

### PE:

We will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays. On these days please ensure that no earrings or other jewellery are worn. Our PE lessons will be indoors this term and we will be focussing on coordination in large and small movements which will incorporate ball skills and travelling in different ways using apparatus.

### Music and ICT:

We will begin music and ICT this term. Music will focus on rhythms and in ICT we will be looking at logging on and using the mouse correctly.

Thank you for your continued support and please come and see us if you have any queries or concerns.