

Ballykeel Primary School

Jan/Feb News Sheet 2017

P2T & P2S



Topic this half term: Long, long ago.....Dinosaurs!

Dear Parents,

The idea of this news sheet is to inform you of the work your child is doing in school. It is also a place where if we need any things for topic work etc that we can keep you easily informed. We hope that this will bridge the gap between the classroom and home.

Please enjoy the poems and songs within this news sheet with your child. We hope you find this useful.

J Thompson & A. Stewart

READING

The children have been enjoying their reading and library books, and I think you'll agree they are all very interested in them

Encourage your child to try and read with expression, pointing out exclamation marks, question marks and bold lettering.

Reading is one of the most important ways you can help your child.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Welcome back
– We hope
everyone had a
lovely holiday!**

Spellings

This term the children will be getting some simple spellings to practise at home.

Please try to encourage and help your child write these out and learn them as pupils who are supported at home perform better in school.

Please ensure that their spelling book is covered when we send it home, as this keeps the books clean and easily recognisable.



IMPORTANT DATES

- ❖ **24th January – Meet with children from St. Brigid's for Chinese New Year**
- ❖ **Week beginning 6th February - Parent/ Teacher interview week**
 - All children go home at **1.30pm** this week
- ❖ **13th - 17th Feb - Half Term Holiday**



Maths ideas for you at home

This term we will be working on addition and introducing subtraction within the numbers 1-10.

At home if your child is interested in doing sums, don't be tempted to make it too difficult – start with adding/subtracting 1 or 2. It is important that they fully understand this first before moving on to harder sums.

We are going to be focusing on TIME this term. Help your child at home by talking about times of the day e.g. morning, afternoon, evening, night. Ask your child if they know what DAY/MONTH/DATE it is, we do this everyday in school and the children love to follow the calendar!



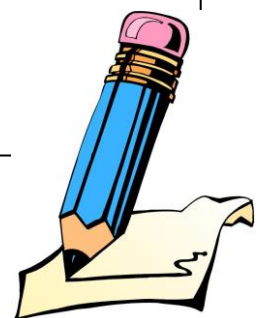
USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.primarygames.co.uk
- www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games
- www.KidsDinos.com

Writing wizards!

In class we have been learning our alphabet and how to write our upper and lower case letters. Please encourage your child to practise this at home in any spare minutes.

Also, help them to write simple sentences using any words they know and sound out more difficult words with them. This will all help their story writing in class and make them more confident writers.





Media Initiative for N.I.

Over the next few months the children will be continuing to meet up with their friends in St. Brigid's P.S. for a variety of activities and trips to each other's school. Please encourage them to tell you all about Jim, Tom, Bukola, Kathleen, Jenny and Kim and about their activity days on the Chinese New Year and St. Patrick.

Dinosaurs

Five enormous dinosaurs
Letting out a roar.
One ran away, and
Then there were four.

Four enormous dinosaurs
Crashing down a tree.
One ran away, and
Then there were three.

Three enormous dinosaurs
Eating tiger stew.
One ran away, and
Then there were two.

Two enormous dinosaurs
Trying hard to run.
One ran away, and
Then there was one.

One enormous dinosaur,
Afraid to be a hero.
He ran away and
Then there was zero!



Help out...

As part of our "Long, long ago" theme we will be firstly looking at dinosaurs. We will be making a display in the classroom and having fun with role-play during Play Based Learning. If you have any dinosaur toys, books or pictures at home, and you would not mind them being handled during play time, please send them in.

We're also on the look out for any cereal boxes, egg cartons, kitchen roll tubes, and yogurt pots... etc to make junk dinosaurs! If you have anything you think would be useful, please send it our way!

Your support is greatly appreciated!