

# **Ballykeel Primary School**

## **May/June News Sheet 2017 P2JT & P2AS**



**Topic this term: Growing is great!**

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 wide range of reading books have been a great success with the children this year and they are more confident tackling the different range of texts.

**REMEMBER: KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK BY READING OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**

Visit the library or pick up books from car boot sales or charity shops.

Children love to hear a story!

You can really make a difference to your child's learning.

## HELP WITH OUR 'GROWING IS GREAT' TOPIC

From May, we will be setting up a vet centre and garden centre in our play areas- if you have any stuffed toy pets or pet accessories at home, or maybe any old garden equipment you don't want we would be grateful for any donations in school!

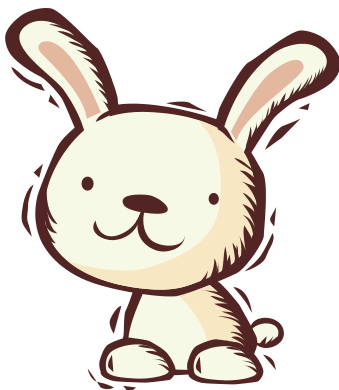
If you have a real pet that you would be willing to bring in some day please speak to us and we will arrange a time later in the term- the children would really enjoy it!

## SPELLINGS

We are continuing with rhyming words and continually revising over the 100 most common words in class until the end of term.

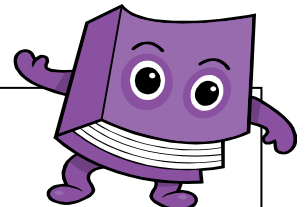
**Remember** go over these words occasionally in the summer holidays to give your child a head start for P3 in September.

P.2 parents and children are welcome to take home Literacy and Numeracy bags similar to those you borrowed in P.1, as some of the activities are suitable for P.2. Mrs McBurney will be available in the Library to help you choose on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.30 – 2.15pm



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank holiday  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Exceptional Closure  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May & Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – School closed for staff training  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Early closure for staff training – P1-3 to be collected at 1:15pm  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – School closed for election  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – School Fair  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Lads and Dads afternoon  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Children meet their new teacher  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – finish at 12noon



## Maths ideas for you at home

This term in class most children will be counting up to 50, counting in 2's to 20, doubling numbers up to 10 and using the number names to 20 e.g. one, two, three etc. We will also be revising over more/less, numbers before/after and between, money, pattern, o'clock and shape.

Help out at home by talking about estimation and measurement. Get your child to make a 'sensible guess' of a group of things at home e.g. how many pencils are in a pot or how many pennies are in your hand (maybe no more than 10/15 things).

**Reinforce about: full or empty/half full or half empty**  
**Heavier/lighter**  
**Taller/shorter**

*Find things taller/shorter than yourself or which toy is the heaviest?*



### USEFUL WEBSITES

- [www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/animals.htm](http://www.kidsites.com/sites-edu/animals.htm)
- [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- [www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

## Super Sports

Hopefully we are going to have lots of sunny, summer weather over the next couple of months. Please try to encourage your child to go outdoors and run, jump, skip, whatever! We will be practising for sports day in school and they would really enjoy extra practise with an egg and spoon or for the running race. A good way to get rid of all that energy!





## **IT'S SUMMER TIME!!**

### **SAND**

Sand in your fingernails  
Sand between your toes  
Sand in your ear holes  
Sand up your nose!

Sand in your sandwiches  
Sand on your bananas  
Sand in your bed at night  
Sand in your pyjamas

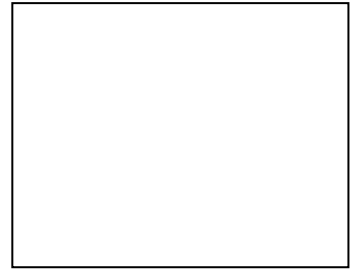
Sand in your sandals  
Sand in your hair  
Sand in your knickers  
Sand everywhere!!



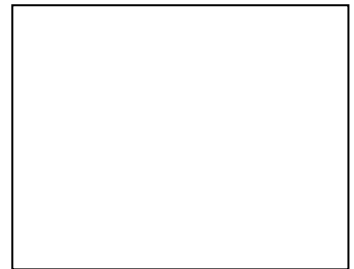
## **RIDDLES**

Guess and draw the animals

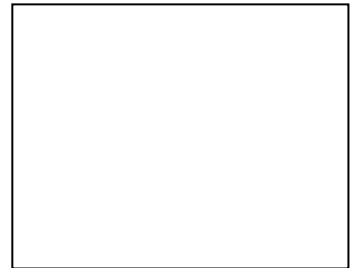
I am long.  
I feel dry.  
I have no legs.  
I am a \_\_\_\_\_



I have fur.  
My nose is wet.  
I have a tail.  
I am a \_\_\_\_\_



I have 2 legs.  
I have a beak.  
I lay eggs.  
I am a \_\_\_\_\_



I have fur.  
I have 4 paws.  
I was a kitten.  
I am a \_\_\_\_\_



## **Refreshed and ready**

My dog is faithful, loyal and true  
She's also well rested through and through  
You see, she doesn't have a great deal to do  
So she sleeps all day, and all night too!!

