

Ballykeel Primary School

# Nov/Dec News Sheet 2021

## P2JT & P2AM



**Topics this half term:** In the toy box ...



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 McWhirter

## READING

Please remember to listen to your child read on a regular basis and they would also love you to read other stories that you have to them at home.

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



Not long  
now!  
Remember to  
be on your  
best  
behaviour!



Just before half term we sent home “high frequency word” lists for your child. Cut around the words to make them into flash cards like we use in class and work on learning these over the next few weeks and months to help with sight vocabulary.

There are great high frequency word songs on YouTube! If your child has mastered these, please feel free to make more yourself with words from their reading book. We will also send a tricky word list in the next few weeks.

**Thank you!**

## DATES

- ❖ **8<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school flu vaccination**
- ❖ **W/B 15<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week**
- ❖ **20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Xmas**
- ❖ **4<sup>th</sup> January – First day of term**

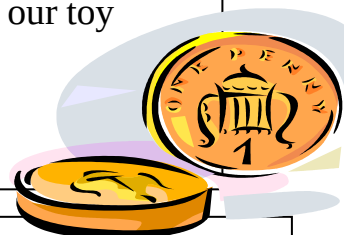
## Maths ideas for you at home

This half term we will focus on the numbers 1-20.

At home count together, write numbers, put numbers in order (smallest to biggest), and think about the number before, after and between. It is important that your child can recognise these numbers – try playing games with them!

*Over the next few weeks keep an eye in their schoolbag for some more maths games you can play with them at home.*

We have been talking about money – help your child to recognise all the coins up to £1. We will only be working with coins up to 10p in our toy shop, so why not play shop at home - start with using pennies.



### Maths websites, songs and games:

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/money/toy-shop-money>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVLxWIHRD4E>
- These are some of our favourite maths games and a little counting song we like to do in class. Use the QR codes on the Topmarks links to open them on your tablet/phone.

## Take 5



You may hear your child talking about this at home. Encourage them to discuss the five areas and tell you what they can do for each one.



Connect



Keep learning



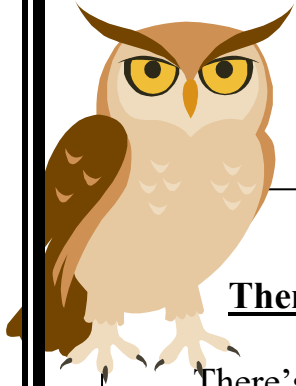
Be active



Take notice



Give



### **There's a Wide-eyed Owl**

There's a wide-eyed owl  
With a pointed nose,  
He has pointed ears  
And claws for toes.  
He sits in a tree  
And looks at you,  
Then flaps his wings and says,  
"Tu-whit, tu-whoo!"



### **The Little Christmas Tree**

One little star on top of the tree  
Two little presents underneath for me,  
Three silver ropes round the tree,  
Four coloured lights shining prettily,  
Five shining balls flowing silvery,  
Oh, what a sight for us to see

### **When Santa Claus Comes**

A good time is coming, I wish it were here,  
The very best time in the whole of the year;  
I'm counting each day on my fingers and thumbs --  
the weeks that must pass before Santa Claus comes.

Then when the first snowflakes begin to come down,  
And the wind whistles sharp and the branches are brown,  
I'll not mind the cold, though my fingers it numbs,  
For it brings the time nearer when Santa Claus comes.

### **An important job!**

**Please remember to write your letter to Santa. We have been writing lists in class so hopefully boys and girls will be able to help compose the most exciting letter of the year!**

