



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 3 Term 1 2021-2022



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Our theme this term is Houses and Homes. The children will be learning about the house they live in, the materials used to build it and how it was planned. The children will investigate which materials are best suited to our climate and the process of building a house.

The children will discover the role of an architect and estate agent and what their job is. The children will also investigate houses around the world, both famous houses that are well recognised and interesting and wonderful designs. The children will also compare different styles of houses according to climate and available materials.

The children will go for a walk around the village of Martinstown and investigate the variety of buildings near to our school. They will record this information using a tally chart and upon returning to the classroom present this data in graph form.

### **This term in:**

**Maths:** This term the children will be very busy recognising and developing accuracy and speed in counting from 0-100. The children will work hard understanding what comes before/after and between these numbers. The children will also begin to consolidate number bonds from the story of 5 up to the story of 13. In data handling the children will use a tally chart to present the data they have discovered on their village walk and present this information in graph form to discover which buildings were the most popular. The children will also be busy this term learning about 2D shapes, creating patterns and shape pictures while learning the properties of these shapes.

**Literacy:** In Literacy the children will write their weekly diary on a Monday sharing what they have been doing during the weekend. They will be working hard on punctuation, remembering their tall letters and full stop as well as taking care to remember their letters with a tail and small letters. The children will highlight the materials and resources needed when building a house and retell the story of The Three Little Pigs. They will also write a letter from the Wolf apologising for his behaviour and introduce a modern input on the fairytale. In reading the children will focus on expression and comprehension.

**ICT:** This term the children will be focussing on developing skills taught in Computational Thinking and Coding and use the Scratch programme, first introduced in Primary Two. They will continue to independently practise drawing their sprite, changing their sprite, inserting a background, movement, sound and word. They will explore the block palettes in PEN and use 'pen down' and 'clear' blocks to draw a shape. The children will also develop their ability to search select, copy and paste an image. They will express ideas, evaluating their work and thinking about how they can improve their work.

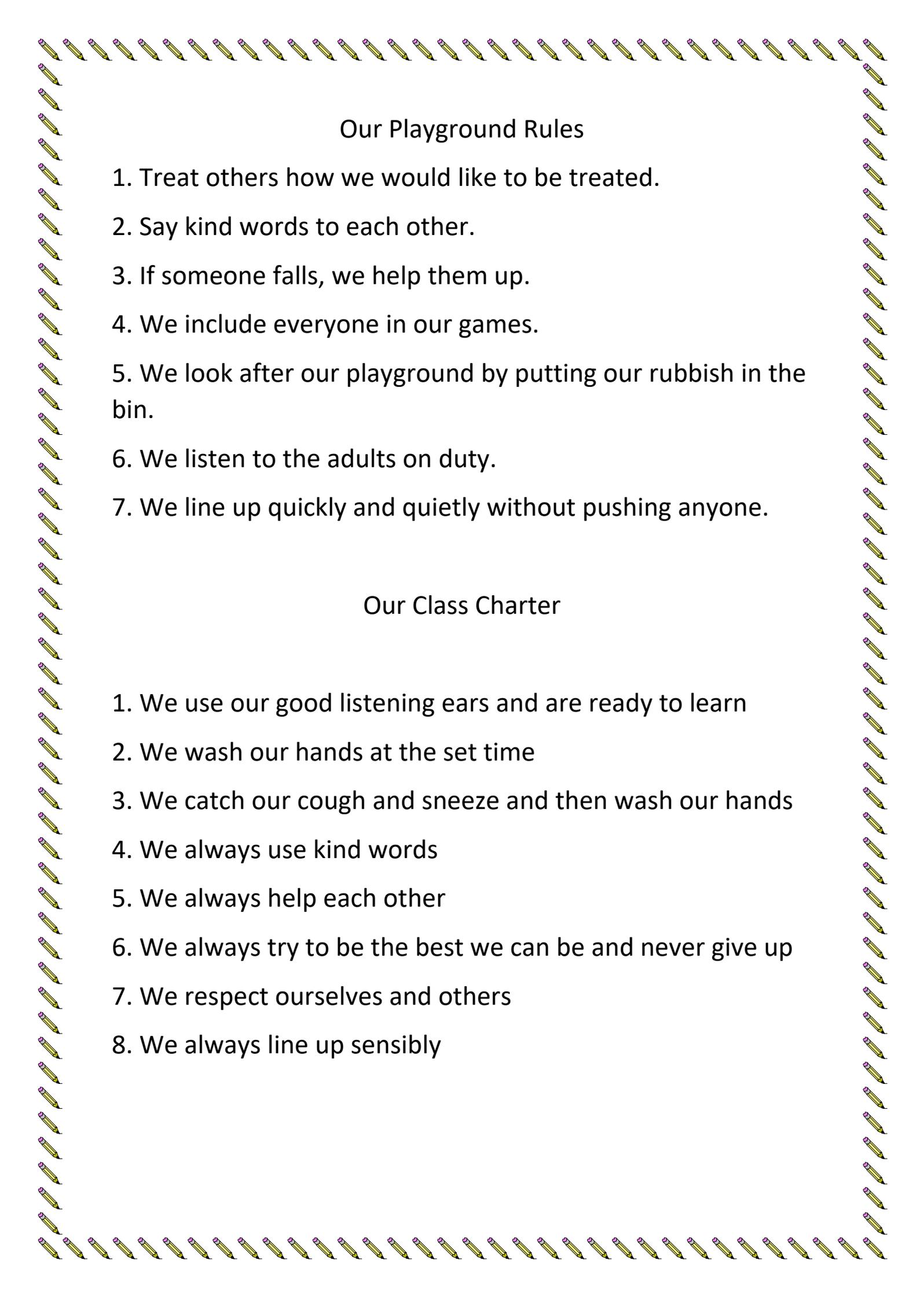
### **What else is happening this term?**

**PE:** Don't forget your trainers on Mondays and Fridays.

**Homework:** Continue to read with your child every night. Continue practising spellings and give the children some extra spellings that are not on their list, following the same pattern or rule. Follow the mental maths guidance from the homework sheet.

**Blended Learning:** We will continue to use Seesaw, as a way to communicate between home and school. Mathletics & Reading Eggs will also continue to be used in Primary 3. A weekly task will be set on the Mathletics app and I know just how good this class were at working online in P2. Let's see all those bronze, silver and gold Mathletics awards!

**Wellbeing Wednesday:** Each week a Healthy Hero will be introduced in Primary 3 and the children (through animation, art and discussion) will focus on their superpowers which will teach us all about the importance of our own wellbeing.



## Our Playground Rules

1. Treat others how we would like to be treated.
2. Say kind words to each other.
3. If someone falls, we help them up.
4. We include everyone in our games.
5. We look after our playground by putting our rubbish in the bin.
6. We listen to the adults on duty.
7. We line up quickly and quietly without pushing anyone.

## Our Class Charter

1. We use our good listening ears and are ready to learn
2. We wash our hands at the set time
3. We catch our cough and sneeze and then wash our hands
4. We always use kind words
5. We always help each other
6. We always try to be the best we can be and never give up
7. We respect ourselves and others
8. We always line up sensibly