



# Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 2

Term 2

2021-2022



## The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Connected Learning is of utmost importance within Foundation Stage. Themes are changed every half term and linked with all areas of the National Curriculum. Currently we are studying 'Winter/Night'. We are identifying a range of nocturnal and diurnal birds and their behaviours. P2 are researching sources of natural and man-made light, how light makes shadows and how light sources have changed through history. We are learning about the importance of light and how we keep safe on the road at night.

After midterm we will focus on 'Castles' both fact and fictional (Fairy Tales). We will label the parts of the castle, explore the rooms and identify the roles of the people who lived in the castles of the past. We will develop 'story boards' using castle vocabulary and characters, as a foundation for creating animations enhancing our ICT skills and knowledge.



### **This term in:**

**Numeracy:** Pupils will learn how to subtract numbers, initially within 20. We will use subtraction term e.g. minus, difference and take-away. We will learn our number stories to 10. We will also learn how to add three numbers together. Through theme work we will explore shape, money, time, bar graphs, Venn and Tree Diagrams and positional language.

**Literacy:** Report writing is a key area. Pupils will identify the features of reports and their layout. Children will also explore instructional writing and diary writing. Pupils will explore fairy tales to identify the beginning, middle and ending of a story using this structure within their writing. Comprehension activities linked with guided reading will form part of the weekly homework. Good luck to everyone attending the Ballymena Festival!

**ICT:** Pupils will explore digital storytelling using model castles and model characters. Through paired activities they will produce a short animation on the iMovie app for our school website: [www.mqpglenravel.com](http://www.mqpglenravel.com) and Seesaw.

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

**PE:** Please send PE slippers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

**PDMU:** Pupils will explore how we can stay safe physically and virtually and the choices we can make to keep our body healthy. They will explore how to care for and work cooperatively with others throughout the weeks of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Children will also work on their wellbeing every week, through 'Wellbeing Wednesdays'. As part of this, the children will continue to take part in the MEActive Sport and Physical Activity sessions, keeping healthy through dance.

### **Important Dates:**

**World Book Day** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**World Math Day** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022