

# McAuley Class

## Autumn 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a brand new half-term! I hope you have had a restful break and have managed to recharge your batteries! In this letter you will find information about the exciting new topics your child will be studying in the coming half term, as well as some key information about the day to day routines and procedures that will support your child in their learning.

### English and Maths

To assist your child in their development in both these curriculum areas, please give them support and encouragement in reading and practising their times tables every day. Your child will be tested on their target times tables on a weekly basis to support their progress with this important part of their learning.

In addition, please encourage your child to utilise Mathletics at home using the personal log in that is now also stuck inside their reading journal.

To help improve your child's reading and comprehension skills, please ensure you listen to them read aloud for at least 20 minutes every day and ask questions about the text that they are reading. Additionally, your child should also be writing a comment in their reading journal on a weekly basis, along with any comments you may have about their reading. Look out for the post-it note in your child's reading journal which indicates the page we would like them to complete.

### RE

In the first part of this half-term, our new RE topic is called, 'Promises'. We will be learning about the Sacrament of Baptism and the meaning of the promises and commitment made at this time. Towards the end of this half-term, our topic will be 'Visitors' where we will learn about Advent and Christmas. Your child will reflect on the joys and demands of having visitors and will learn about the special people who visited Baby Jesus after his birth.

### Science - Year 3

Our new topic is called 'States of Matter'. We will be learning to compare and group materials together. Your child will use their observational skills to note how materials change state. They will also learn how to identify the role played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. Your child will use all of these new skills in order to make systematic and careful observations and make oral and written explanations.

### Art

This half-term your child will learn about the life and work of the famous artist, Claude Monet. They will focus on how Monet creates effect in his artwork through the use of different brushstrokes, texture and colour. They will then select their favourite piece of artwork and recreate it using the different techniques taught. Towards the second part of the half-term, we

will then focus on the medium of collage and we will use this to create Nativity artwork, focusing on the emotions and feelings during different key events of the Nativity story.

### Computing

In Computing your child will be continuing the excellent work that they have been doing this term upon coding and computer programming. Building upon the skills that they developed last half term, your child will be learning how to create 'loops' when coding a variety of different programmes in order to improve the efficiency of their coding skills. Furthermore, they will learn how to create 'nest loops' in order to create repeating patterns to solve puzzles, complete problems and to create their very own artwork using code.

### PE

Your child has outdoor PE every **Thursday** and indoor PE every **Wednesday**. Please ensure they have their full PE kits (including tracksuits) for all lessons and all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name. In addition, your child will have the opportunity to partake in extra PE sessions with our sports coach David Dines every other half term on a Friday.

#### *Outdoor PE*

In Outdoor PE, your child will be developing their skills and understanding in football. Your child will work on specific skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting, before developing their awareness of attacking and defending tactics. They will also learn to follow the rules of the game and explain consequences for not doing so. Your child will then apply all of these skills in five- a- side matches with their classmates.

#### *Indoor PE*

Our topic for Indoor PE this half- term is 'dance'. Your child will create their own dance routines using a range of stimuli and accompaniments such as images and props. Your child will practise their dance routines and will have an opportunity to perform their dance routines to their classmates.

### Music

Your child will continue to also take part in music lessons on Fridays with Mr Dixon (every other half term).

### MFL

Our new French topic is called, 'Jeux et Chansons' (Games and Songs). Your children will be learning to join in songs and rhymes, play French games using numbers and listen to and respond to classroom instructions.

### PSHE

Your child will be learning about the importance of respecting others and self-respect. They will also be reflecting upon their role personally in caring for both the school and the wider environment.

### Homework

As you are already aware, our homework is set as follows:

Tuesday:

- Spellings list and spelling activity (ready for their test the following Monday)
- Times tables activity (ready for their test the following Monday)

Thursday:

- Additional homework in homework book

Reading journal homework is set on your child's reading day (see post it attached).

**If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Allen  
McAuley Class Teacher

