

# Ballykeel Primary School

## May/June News Sheet 2026 P2JT & P2M



**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.

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## READING

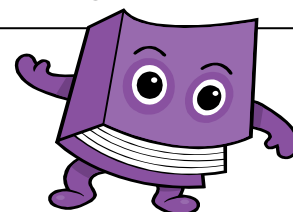
The wide range of reading books have been a great success with the children this year and they are more confident tackling the different range of texts.

### **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.



## OUR 'GROWING IS GREAT' TOPIC

For our topic, we will be setting up a garden centre in our play area, planting, going on nature walks and investigating the frog life cycle. If you are out for a walk or in your garden, help your child to notice season changes, growth and look for minibeasts and baby animals. The children love to learn about nature and remember all sorts of facts!

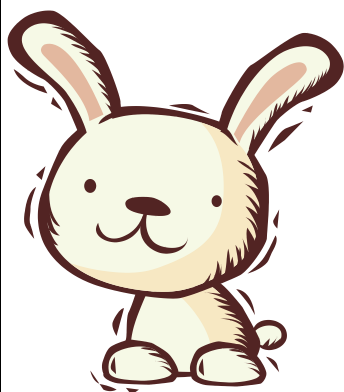
## SPELLINGS

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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May – School closed for staff training
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Coaching for Christ festival day
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - School closed for staff training
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – P2 class trip to Portglenone Forest – details to follow
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May – School fair
- W/B 1<sup>st</sup> June – Sports day – details to follow
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Shared Ed Eco Centre Walk with St Brigid's
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Last day of school



## 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.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>  
(select doubles option)
- <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math/early-math/skip-count-fruit-splat-game/> (select counting in twos option)
- [https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/117/telling\\_the\\_time\\_in\\_words#](https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/117/telling_the_time_in_words#) (select o'clock and half past option)

## 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 outside during any good weather in school and running lots of races and having fun. 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

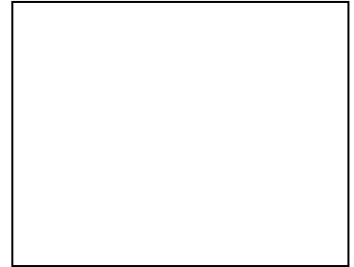
Sand in your sandals  
Sand in your hair  
Sand in your knickers  
Sand everywhere!!



## 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!!

