

# Ballykeel Primary School

May - June



## Summer is Coming!



Dear Parent,

We have reached the Summer Term of Primary One! This term is always action-packed, so make sure you keep a look out for any notes home informing you of upcoming events.

Our theme for this term is "Once Upon a Time". We will be enjoying some much-loved fairytales with your child and having lots of fun with these!

Your child has worked hard throughout the year in Primary One, we have enjoyed teaching them and getting to know you too. Keep practising some reading, writing and number work over the Summer months to help them get off to a good start in Primary Two!

Thank you for all your support this year,  
K. Brown and K. McGlaughlin



# Once Upon a Time

Our new theme is "Once Upon a Time". We will be learning some of the traditional fairytales. Many important Literacy, Numeracy and World Around Us concepts can be taught through these. Of course, they are also lots of fun and very appealing for young children!

**Our Fairytales theme is the perfect opportunity to enjoy some books with your child!**

After you have read the story, maybe your child could retell the story in their own words, just by looking at the pictures for clues? This helps your child experience a sense of achievement at what they can "read" on their own.

We're sure your child would love to act out some of the fairytales – with a little imagination, you can quickly find some props and "costumes" – a lightweight scarf around the shoulders would make a simple Princess dress, and your child could decorate a cardboard crown. For the boys, they could make some chain mail from tinfoil and have a cardboard sword as they pretend to be a handsome Prince?



**Which fairytales do these items belong to?**



**Get Crafty!**

Could your child design and make a fairytale castle out of cardboard boxes? This could provide hours of playtime fun!



**\*\*We would appreciate it if you could send in the following items:\*\***

- Any fairytale books, CDs or DVDs
- Fairytale costumes e.g. Princess dresses, knights outfits, crowns etc
- Any other fairytale items e.g. castles, magic wands

# We Love Literacy

We are really pleased with the progress the children have made with their reading throughout the year.

We will be looking at punctuation in the reading books over the next few weeks. Check your child understands the following symbols:

- - full stop
- ? - question mark
- ! - exclamation mark

## Lending Library

The very popular "Lending Library" continues to run each **Tuesday and Thursday** afternoon 1.30 – 2.15pm.

Make sure you pop in to lend some of our educational games and activities. We have heard very positive feedback so far – the children (and parents!) are really enjoying the brand new resources!



We had lots of fun in terms one and two with our St. Brigid's friends. We will be still learning about respecting others as part of the Media Initiative by learning through stories and puppets.



## Key Words – Practice Makes Perfect!

went          was          put          everyone          wanted          had  
said          got          made          they          and          I          the

## Jolly Phonics

Keep up the good work – try reading some easy words. Help your child write a sentence or even a story at home by using their Jolly Phonics skills to "sound out" the words. We're sure you'll be impressed!! 😊

# Mad about Maths

## New numbers!

Check your child can read and write the following numbers:

11

12

13

14

15

We will be learning to tell the time – we need to make sure Cinderella leaves the ball by 12 o'clock midnight!!

We will only be focusing on o'clock times. You could help your child learn to tell the time by talking about what they do at various times during the day (e.g. school starts at 9 o'clock) and by pointing out o'clock times on the clock.



## I can add!

We are learning how to add 1. Add one is the same as “one more” – why not practise this with your child? Try it using practical activities until your child is confident -

e.g. set out 4 crayons. If I add one more, how many will there be?

Keep it really simple! Don't worry about writing it down, just saying “3 add 1 is 4” is enough at this stage!

## Dates for the Diary

25 <sup>th</sup> May	P1 children home at 12 noon
26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed - Holiday
29 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed – Bank Holiday
30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School closed – Staff Training
5 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 children home at 1.15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> June	School closed - election
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lads and Dads afternoon
30 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes at 12 noon for Summer holidays