

# 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. Carruthers and C. McConnell



# 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 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?



www.kidsart.com

**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 every Friday. Please remember to return the bags on Monday.

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!



## 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!! 😊

In June the children will have no written homework. We will be sending home reading books and some outdoor practical activities for you to complete with your child. Hopefully the weather is good! 😊

# 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!

Here are some fun games you can play with your child:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/gingerbread-man-game>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/numberblocks-easy-patterns-quiz>

<https://pbskids.org/curiousgeorge/busyday/apples/>

### **Dates for the Diary**

26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> May	School Nurse in for P1's
5 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed- Election
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Coaching for Christ Fun Day
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sponsored walk with St.Brigid's
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Celebrations
30 <sup>th</sup> May- 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Closed- Staff Training and Bank Holiday
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> June	P1 children finish early for the new P1s coming
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day- summer