



**Learning together,**

**building for the future**

**Primary 4 and 5 Curriculum Information**

# Primary 4 and 5 Staff

- Mr Graham
- Miss Boyle
- Mrs Perry
- Mrs Stewart
- Mrs Harbinson- aspects of PDMU

# Ethos

- Kirkistown Rules

We are gentle

We are kind and helpful

We listen

We work hard

We are honest

We look after property

- Development of the whole child- social, emotional and moral conscience
- High expectations and aspiration
- Enquiry and enjoyment
- Independence and interdependence
- Autonomy of choice

# Routines

- 08:45 Doors open for children
- 09:00 Registers close shortly thereafter and lessons start
- 10:20 Outside play
- 10:40 Lessons start
- 12:00 Outside play and lunch
- 12:50 Lessons start
- 15:00 Home (14:00 on Fridays)



# Routines

- Daily mathematics and literacy lessons
- Daily rehearsal of phonics, spelling and mental mathematics
- P.E on Mondays and Wednesdays (P4 and P5)
- IFA sessions on Friday
- No whole school assemblies at present
- Alternative arrangements in place of class assemblies will be made- 1 per term.

# Homework Overview

- Weekly homework **given out on Monday** and to be **returned by Friday**.
- Homework will include a combination of all or some of the following: spellings, reading, times tables, mathematics and literacy.
- Maths homework will be based upon the previous week's learning to aid retention. Our school YouTube channel has close to 6 hours of maths tuition and may prove helpful with this for P5 upwards:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCk2P4BsM0Ti7umhkr8Cw1pA>
- Reading 4 times per week (as a minimum) is recommended. Sharing a book at bedtime often helps children to get ready to sleep
- A '***Developing comprehension at home***' guide for parents via our website: <http://www.kirkistownprimaryschool.com/home-learning-help.html>

# Online Homework

- All children will have received login details for:  
*Google Classroom*  
*Times Tables Rockstars*  
*Bug Club*  
*C2k*  
*Nessy*
- Homework will sent home in a homework book. However, any relevant notes on homework will be added for parents to view via Google Classroom. In the event of any further lockdown, we will revert to Google Classroom to support learning.
- Children will need support to become familiar with Google Classroom as it is challenging to understand to begin with.
- Care needs taken when signing in as accounts are typically locked / frozen after 3 failed attempts.
- Any queries regarding logins can be emailed to [rgraham577@c2ken.net](mailto:rgraham577@c2ken.net)

## Primary 4

### Weekly Reading

- Phonic work for selected children
- Physical books and / or Bug Club.
- It is expected that children should read for 15 minutes a day, 4 days per week

### Times Tables

- Children will complete daily practice tests or 'quizzes' in class on Tue, Wed and Thu. Their Friday score will then be recorded.
- Children can practice their times tables through the use of the '*Times Tables Rockstars*' website

### Written maths

- Typically based upon their learning in class the previous week. Support is available via the school's YouTube channel.

### Spellings and / or phonics

- Daily practice tests or 'quizzes' (Tue-Thu) of a small number of words with the larger quiz / test on Friday where scores will be recorded.

### Nessy

- Children work through guided lessons and assessments at their own pace.

# Weekly Homework

## Primary 5

### Weekly Reading

- Phonic work for selected children
- Physical books and / or Bug Club.
- It is expected that children should read for 20 minutes a day, 4 days per week

### Times Tables

- Children will complete daily practice tests or 'quizzes' in class on Tue, Wed and Thu. Their Friday score will then be recorded.
- Children can practice their times tables through the use of the '*Times Tables Rockstars*' website

### Written maths

- Typically based upon their learning in class the previous week. Support is available via the school's YouTube channel.

### Spellings and / or phonics

- Daily practice tests or 'quizzes' (Tue-Thu) of a small number of words with the larger quiz / test on Friday where scores will be recorded.

### Written English-

Grammar or comprehension work will be set once this is appropriate but not initially.

### Nessy

- Children work through guided lessons and assessments at their own pace.



# Curriculum

- Language and Literacy
- Mathematics and Numeracy
- The World Around Us
- The Arts
- Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
- Physical Education and Emotional Wellbeing
- Communication
- Using mathematics
- Using ICT

# Mathematics Focus

- **Mathematical Processes**

Making and monitoring decisions

Communicating mathematically

Mathematical reasoning

- **Number-** patterns, operations, money

- **Measures**

- **Shape and Space** — position, movement and direction

- **Handling Data** — including probability and use of ICT

# Language and Literacy Focus

- Talking and Listening
- Reading → whole class approach
  - independent & guided group reading
- Writing → planning drafting, editing
  - spelling, grammar, punctuation

# Topics- P4 / P5

2021-22

## Earth & Space

- What shape are the Earth, Moon and Sun?
- What planets are in our solar system?
- Is our solar system geocentric or heliocentric?
- Why do we have night and day?
- How do the Sun, Earth, Moon and other planets move?
- Why do we have seasons?
- Will the sun always shine?
- Who was Alan Bean? An artist study

Interdependence

## The Vikings

- Who were the Vikings and why did they come to Britain and Ireland?
- What did the British and Irish learn from the Vikings?
- What was life like for a Viking boy or girl?
- How did the Vikings live when they settled in Britain and Ireland?
- What did the Vikings eat and drink?
- Were the Vikings violent lawbreakers?
- Viking Battles

Place

Changes over time

## Mountains and Rivers

- What is a mountain and how is it formed?
- Are all mountains the same? What types are there?
- What are mountains used for and who uses them?
- What is a mountain climate?
- Are their mountains near me? A look at mountains in the UK and Ireland (including the Mourne).
- Mountains world wide: a look beyond the UK.
- What's the difference between a mountain and a volcano?

Movement and energy

# Physical Education

- Athletics
- Dance
- Games
- Gymnastics
- Swimming –  
Summer term, Weekly session if  
permitted due to Covid-19 restrictions



# Assessments

**We assess children's learning in a variety of ways:**

- Daily 'formative assessment' – books and conversations
- Weekly Assessments / Quizzes
- Cognitive Ability Tests
- CCEA Cross-Curricular Assessment Tasks
- Progress Through English (PTE)
- Progress Through Maths (PTM)
- Single Word Spelling Test (SWST)
- New Group Reading Test (NGRT)

# Parents

- Use of SchoolMoney for all payments- school meals, trips, residentials, swimming etc
- Medication expiry dates need to be monitored closely. Updated health care plans and contact details should be provided to school
- School appreciates your support with homework and school discipline ('choices' through the Kirkistown Rules)
- Communication- please arrange to speak directly with the class teacher regarding any concerns

# Healthy Break

- Children have a 20 minute mid-morning break outside.
- We encourage children to have a healthy snack during this time
- We are a **nut free school** to protect children with allergies
- More details on healthy break are available via our website:

<http://www.kirkistownprimaryschool.com/healthy-break.html>

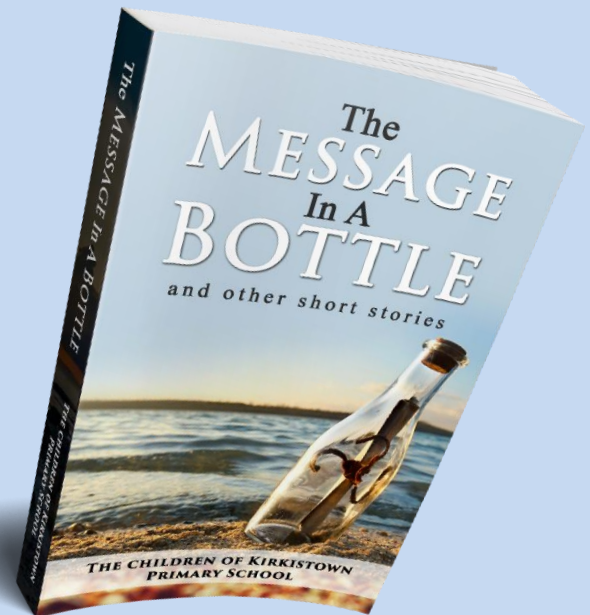
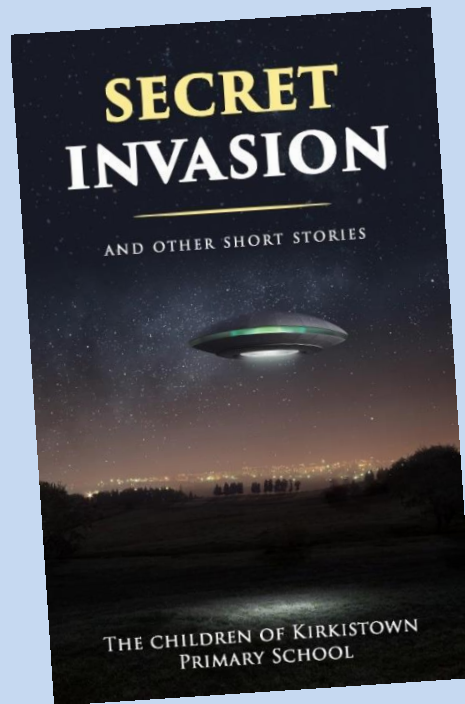
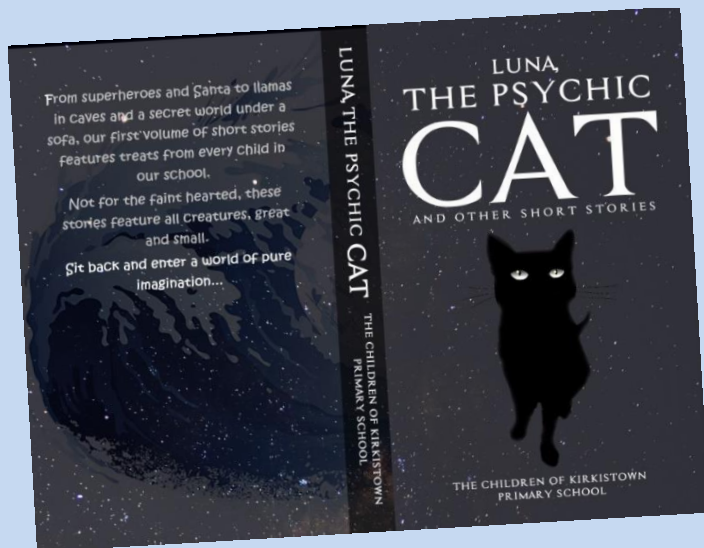


# PTFA

- Mrs Perry, who has led our very successful **Parent-Teacher & Friends Association** (PTFA) is stepping down
- PTFA meeting on **Tuesday 28 September 2021 @ 5:30pm**
- Volunteers and support are warmly welcomed
- The PTFA carries out invaluable work in hosting events, promoting school and raising funds for school projects that the school community benefit from
- Our PTFA have a Facebook page which can be visited at: <https://www.facebook.com/Kirkistown-Primary-PTFA-464731360582217/>

# Special Projects

- Every child will once more become a published writer this year.
- Children have already started planning their stories and will write, edit and type them over the next 8 – 10 weeks.
- Find out more about our previous publications here:  
<http://www.kirkistownprimaryschool.com/whole-school-publications.html>



# Special Projects

- Each Christmas we aim to release an original Christmas song.
- Children in the school choir record their vocals and have them mixed and mastered at a professional recording studio
- The previous Christmas singles can be downloaded for free via our school music website:

<https://kirkistownprimaryschool.bandcamp.com/>

