

May 2019

Year 4 Newsletter

**Flight**

The children’s new topic for the current term is ‘Flight’. The children will be identifying things that can fly including transport and birds. The children will be exploring the history and life of the Wright Brothers and Amelia Earhart. To link in with the topic, the children could visit the local area to locate where Amelia Earhart crashed. ‘The Forge’ at Northside Shopping Centre also provides access to the general public to discover the life and history of Amelia Earheart.

**Numeracy**

The children are working on developing their financial capabilities. They are working out totals and change using a variety of methods. Children should be able to recognise the value of coins and work out amounts of money using the least amount of coins/notes.It is also important that your child is practising their times tables daily so that they can apply this knowledge to multiplication and division problems.

**Reading**

We would like your continued support in encouraging your child to read. Please continue to spend some time listening to your child’s reading every night. The Accelerated Reading programme is used to support your child’s reading.

**Mathletics**

Children are encouraged to use their individual login to play Mathletics at home to reach their weekly target of 1000 points. Mathletics can be accessed on desktop computers or tablets. Children can also access Mathletics each morning in the computer suite from 8:30 to 9:00.

**School Closure**

**Thursday 23rd May** – school will be used for European Election.

**Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th May** – Staff Training

**‘Do This In Memory’ Programme**

The Do This In Memory programme is continuing. This is an important aspect of your child’s preparation for First Communion and it is important that they try to attend. The next mass will take place on **Sunday 12th May at 11am in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**

**Homework**

Please ensure your child’s written homework and Homework Diary is signed each night. Encourage your child to *read to an adult* and *discuss the content of the book*. *Practise mental maths and spellings each night in preparation for Friday’s tests.*

**First Confession**

The children will make their Sacrament of First Confession on **Tuesday 14th May at 6pm in Our Lady of Lourdes Church.** In preparation for this, the children are encouraged to rehearse their prayers and procedure for the upcoming sacrament.