




# St. Patrick's P.S., Eskra

Supporting your child's learning – Year 4  
December 2023 – Mrs Mulligan

Your child is learning:

- About the importance of **Generosity** - our monthly value for December. Talking about ways we can be generous both at home and at school.
- The importance of **Being Creative** particularly in relation to Christmas Artwork.
- To develop lively, active minds by partaking in Year 4 Mental Maths and Literacy morning challenges.
- To be able to divide TU including with remainders.
- To become more familiar with the mathematical language associated with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- About Time – recording times minutes past/to, earlier/later than, durations of Time.
- Mental Maths Techniques- morning challenges and revision of tables to date.
- To participate in Mathletics activities to further their mathematical understanding and skills in Number and Time.
- To complete written problems associated with Number.
- To present their work neatly giving appropriate attention to dates, titles, underlining and punctuation and to use neat handwriting.
- Comprehension, Reading, Writing & grammar skills through various texts and group novel activities and from class novel 'Stig of the Dump'.
- Grammar work on Opposites and Collective Nouns.
- About Creative Writing- Christmas Acrostic poems.
- To develop their spelling skills by continuing to complete daily and nightly spelling activities using Prim-Ed or Sounds Write Spelling programmes.
- To complete Art and Craft activities across the curriculum and seasonal activities.
- World Around Us- Colour and Light Reflections and the use of Colour and Light in Road Safety and The Environment.
- Conversational Irish – Numbers, Parts of the Body, Christmas words.
- About Advent and the Story of Christmas. Christmas Carol Service.
- Further skills and techniques through physical education activities. GAA and P.E. activities ongoing.
- To participate in daily exercises and fun activities in order to sustain healthy bodies.

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- To develop skills in playing the tin whistle (traditional and Christmas tunes).

You can help by:

- Helping your child with his/her homework: content & presentation.
- Signing homework completed and Reading Record books.
- Encouraging him/her to self-correct and proof-read work and to seek help where needed.
- Checking your child's work for accuracy and consolidating any areas they are unsure of.
- Revising Tables & spellings with your child nightly.
- Reading with your child regularly & discussing content & themes. Encourage use of non-fiction texts also.
- Encouraging your child to participate in Mathletics activities at home.
- Encouraging your child to present their work in a neat, well-presented manner with attention given to date, title, underlining, punctuation, grammar and spelling.
- Helping with themed work in Maths on Number, Division and Time.
- Helping your child to research when necessary for homework e.g. Creative Activity.
- Discussing the importance of **Generosity** in our school and home lives.
- Encouraging your child to develop his/her **Creative** skills effectively.
- Liaising with the class teacher through the Home School Messages book if you have any concerns or queries.
- Praising your child and acknowledging achievements made.

Suggested websites: [www.primaryresources.co.uk](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise)

[www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com)