

# Laurel Group Information

## Spring Term

Our topic for this term is "Countries of the World."

What we will do in school...

What you could do together at home...

### Humanities

With the help of Barnaby Bear, we will learn to identify the human and physical features of Dublin, Ireland.



You could look at a children's atlas together and find Ireland.

You could learn an Irish song or even try some Irish soda bread or potato cake.

### Art

The children will design and make an Irish leprechaun using clay.



Look for images of leprechauns in books or on the internet. Talk about their features.

### Science

We will learn to identify different materials and their properties.

Help your child by labelling objects as you go, e.g. 'This spoon is metal'. Challenge your child to find something plastic/wooden/hard/soft/rough/smooth.

### Literacy

We will learn how to write sentences, labels and lists through our focus books *Aussie Animals* and *Our Jungle* by Rod Campell.

We will continue to encourage the children to recall and record their weekend activities. We will continue to develop reading and spelling through phonics.

Share stories with your child.

Write in your child's home-school book to let us know what they have done over the weekend.

Try to read your child's reading book with them at least once a week, encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar words and/or talk about the pictures.

Practice sounding out words for fun e.g. 'Time to put on your h-a-t and c-oa-t'

### Maths

We will practice counting up to 100. We will learn to add using number lines and Numicon, and use these skills to learn number bonds to 10. We will learn to double numbers. We will start to learn the 2 and 5 times tables.

Encourage your child to say numbers out loud and to count objects.

Practice number bonds to 10 (e.g. 5+5, 6+4, 7+3, 8+2 and so on). You can use fingers, toy cars, pegs...anything!

Practice counting in 2s with your child, perhaps whilst pairing socks, or counting out pocket money using 2ps.



## Our Swimming day has changed:

Laurel Group will be going swimming at **Middleton Pool** on Tuesdays from **now on**. Please send your child into school every **Tuesday** with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- in a bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



## PE - every Monday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

## Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



## Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book.

**Please check the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly.

Thank you for taking the time to read this half term's information. If you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*Claire, Alison and the Laurel Team - Vanessa, Cailey, Emma and Dan.*