



Year Five News



Miss Eccles and Mr. Tracey
January, 2017

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!
2017**

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- **Happy New Year** to our Year Five pupils and families. We hope that 2017 will be filled with good health, good luck and lots of happy times! As we settle into a new term, we are looking forward to the many new adventures and experiences that lie ahead of us. May we all be blessed with the courage and confidence to spread our wings and turn each day into an adventure of learning and fun.

Congratulations, Mr. Tracey!

- **Congratulations** to Mr. Tracey, who celebrated his wedding during the Christmas break. We wish Mr. Tracey and his new wife, Mary, all the very best, as they begin their new life together as Mr. and Mrs. Tracey.



**BBC
RADIO**



Senior Choir success!

- **Congratulations** to our Senior Choir, who have made it through to the next heat of BBC Radio Ulster's School Choir of the Year competition. The heat will take place on **Monday 31st January**, in the Discovery Village, Lisnaskea. Further details will follow shortly. **We are immensely proud of all of our Year Five choir members!**

Changes to P.E. and Friday football

- P.E. for **Mr. Tracey's** class is now on a **Monday**.
- P.E. for **Miss Eccles'** class is now on a **Tuesday**.
- During **January**, afterschool football, on a **Friday**, is only for **Year Fours**. **Year Five** will have their turn in **February**.



School Dinners: Price increase

- The cost of a **school dinner** is now **£2.55**.
- Please send dinner money into school on a **Monday** morning. The **exact amount** would be appreciated. It is really important that all monies are contained within a **labelled envelope**, with your child's name and amount enclosed clearly written on the front.

OUR LEARNING PLAN

Year Five: January, 2017



Literacy

In our writing activities, we will be looking at **similes** and **adjectives**.

We will complete an exciting unit of work on **Fantasy Stories**. During this unit, we will read passages from stories which include strange characters living in the real world. We will find out how the author creates tension and explore the relationship between the character and the setting. We will analyse aspects of writing a fantasy story, before we plan and write our very own fantasy story.

We will begin our next class novel - '**The Iron Man**' by Ted Hughes. We will create a character sketch of the Iron Man, write a simile poem about the character and also create a 'Menu for the Iron Man'!

We'll continue to work on our phonics, where we'll explore different ways of writing sounds. We'll complete more joined handwriting activities as well. A busy month!

Numeracy

In Numeracy this month, we are:

- completing our work on **fractions** (see December's newsheet for details);
- learning **multiplication** and **division** facts for the **7** and **9 times tables**;
- revising the sequence of **months** and the number of days in each month;
- **reading calendars** to identify the day, given the date, and vice-versa;
- extending calendar work to finding durations, in weeks or days, which 'bridge' consecutive months;
- learning how to **read the time in 5 minute intervals** on analogue and digital displays;
- **writing times in 5 minute intervals**, using 12-hour notation and am/pm;
- learning how to **read and write the time in 1 minute intervals** on analogue and digital displays using 12-hour notation and am/pm;
- beginning to explore **place value** for **4-digit numbers**.

Topic

- We'll be starting our new topic on '**Sound and hearing**'.
- We will be exploring three key areas:
 1. How is sound **created**?
 2. How do we **hear** sound?
 3. How is sound **measured**?
- We will also take part in an experiment about **muffling sound**.
- There'll be an opportunity for us to find out about the **history of telephones** and to learn about **Alexander Graham-Bell**.

