

# YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### St. Lucia

We are taking a creative approach to History whereby we are covering, Literacy, Art, D.T and I.C.T objectives through our St. Lucia topic

Activities will include:

- Researching St .Lucia using ICT and books.
- Designing carnival masks.
- Writing Caribbean songs through poetry.

You could help your child by visiting the library and by researching on the internet about this Caribbean Island. This will be closely linked to our topic of Pirate island life.

#### Literacy

We will be studying stories from other cultures, newspapers, recounts, magazines and poetry. We will also be using the book 'Jolly Roger' about a boy who wishes to be a pirate. The children will familiarise themselves with each genre and will have the opportunity to write in each style.

#### Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and should be returned the following Thursday.

**Reading:** Please encourage reading for 20 minutes each evening. Children are to record which books they have read in the back of their homework book.

**Handwriting:** A short handwriting activity will be given each week.

**Spelling:** Children will be given a list of spellings to learn each Friday and will be tested on these the following Friday. (This begins on the Friday the 8th January)

**Other Literacy based activities:** Children will sometimes be given an activity linked to what they have been learning about in Literacy that week.

**Numeracy:** A piece of numeracy homework is set each week which should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

#### Science

**Solids and Liquids:** Looking at the melting and freezing points of various substances.

**Keeping warm:** The children will be investigating the Insulation properties of various materials

#### Here I Am (R.E)

The topics are:

- Special People
- Meals
- Good and Evil

These topics enable the children to think about special people in their lives, how preparing and eating meals together also nourishes relationships and looking at the conflict of Good and Evil in our own lives and the world around.

#### Music

We are all fortunate to have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. Each class will spend one term with Sefton's music specialists. This term Miss O'Connor **and her class** will bring home an instrument. These need to be brought into school every Tuesday for our lessons.

#### Personal, Social and Health Education

This term we will be focusing on and understanding feelings as well as considering strengths and weaknesses as learners. In the latter part of the term we will be looking at opportunities for children to reflect on themselves as individuals, particularly their strengths as learners and how they learn most effectively.

#### P.E

Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E kit in school for lessons. These should be left in school until the end of each half term. Activities this term include:

- Football
- Netball
- Swimming in the new year (additional information will be sent out).

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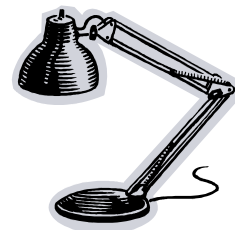
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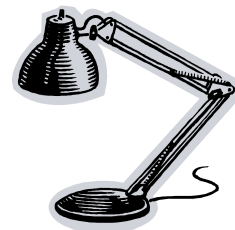
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*Your business tag line here.*

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Primary Business Address  
Your Address Line 2  
Your Address Line 3  
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555  
Fax: 555-555-5555  
E-mail:



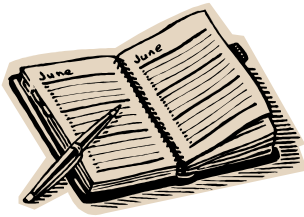
This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

**We're on the Web!**

**[example.microsoft.com](http://example.microsoft.com)**

## Back Page Story Headline



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This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture

the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.