

# ST PATRICK'S DAY - IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole-school ideas to explore Irish culture, history and identity. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

## About St Patrick's Day

- Celebrated on 17 March
- Patron saint of Ireland
- St Patrick is known for bringing Christianity to Ireland and teaching through simple stories and symbols
- The day celebrates Irish culture, heritage and traditions

## Whole-School / All-Through Ideas

- Introduce the day in assembly and explore the story of St Patrick
- Discuss Irish symbols such as the shamrock and why they are important
- Listen to traditional Irish music and discuss what it tells us about culture
- Explore Irish landscapes, cities and famous landmarks
- Display student work celebrating Irish culture and traditions
- Reflect on how traditions and celebrations connect people to their heritage

## Primary Ideas

- Create shamrock artwork using collage or painting
- Design St Patrick's Day cards or posters
- Learn simple facts about Ireland including animals, landscapes and culture
- Write a short story about a visit to Ireland
- Explore Irish legends and storytelling traditions
- Create a classroom display celebrating Irish culture

## Secondary Ideas

- Research the life of St Patrick and his influence on Irish history
- Explore the role of religion in shaping historical events
- Debate how national celebrations shape identity
- Investigate Irish migration and its influence around the world
- Analyse Irish cultural traditions and symbols
- Compare how different countries celebrate national days

## Cross-Curricular Links

- History, Irish history and cultural identity
- Geography, landscapes and cities of Ireland
- English, storytelling and descriptive writing
- Art, cultural symbols and design
- Music, traditional Irish music and instruments

- Citizenship, identity, heritage and cultural traditions