



St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Key Stage 1- Year 3

Dear Parent,

Hope your son/daughter is having a good year so far. Things are really exciting in our school for our Key Stage 1 children. As you know we have a planned highly structured curriculum for your child!! We want to involve you in your child's education so this newsletter is to inform you of what your son/daughter will be studying in school this term. You can support your child by also discussing these curriculum areas at home.

Literacy

Phonics

This term your child will be revising initial letter and final letter sounds in the Linguistic Phonics programme. Your child will have the opportunity to read and build new words based on the target sound of the week. The grammar focus will be on plurals. Your child will be learning how to turn nouns into plurals.

Example:

boy - boys

dog- dogs

toy-toys

We will also be focusing on nouns and proper nouns.

Reading-Your child will receive a reading book on a Monday. and should practice reading every night. Log ins have been sent out. It is important to have book talk with your child e.g. Talking about the front cover, blurb, back cover, title author and illustrator. Ask your child to retell the story using connectives e.g., first, next, then, after that, finally. Talk to your child about adjectives within the story and simple punctuation e.g. exclamation marks, question marks, speech marks. Encourage reading text within the picture. The MYON online reading Programme is a brilliant resource and Year Three can now access this. It links directly to Accelerated Reading quizzes which is a really good way to ensure your child is understanding what they read. Children can also quiz on their Oxford Reading Tree Reading Books

Keywords

The children will be revising their keywords from Primary 2 with an extra 100 keywords to be learned by the end of Year 3. Each week we will be exploring these keywords through games and activities.

Writing

This term we will be focusing on sentence structure and punctuation so that your child can become a more independent writer. Through the Linguistic Phonics Programme your child will have experiences of building new words and creating sentences from these words.

We will be reading story books in class and the children will sequence the story using images and text.

This term we will continue with Oxford Reading Tree sequencing and answer questions about the text orally and in written form.

In Writing your child will have the opportunity to write about himself/herself and how

	fantastic he/she is! They will write about our topic on safe and sound. In Grammar we will focus on nouns, plurals and capital letters and full stops.
Numeracy	
Processes in Maths are embedded in each area of Maths and Numeracy.	
Number Your child will have the opportunity to develop their Numeracy skills and will be covering sequencing ordering numbers to 100. The children will explore sequencing, more/less than, counting forwards and backwards in ones, twos, fives and tens. We will be completing addition and subtraction number sentences up to 20. We will be investigating ways of making different amounts of money to 20p. Giving your child opportunities at home to work with money will really help his/her understanding of the concept of money. We will also be learning how to find half of an amount by sharing equally.	
Shape and Space The children will begin to name and recognise 3D shapes such as: cubes, cuboids, cylinders and spheres.	
Measure The children will also explore time through o'clock and half past. We will be sequencing the days of the week and will be talking about the order of the Months of the Year and the Seasons.	
Data Handling Your child will have the opportunity to sort objects and items using diagrams such as Venn and Carroll. They will be able to complete a simple bar graph and discuss their findings. and	
ICT	
In ICT your child will be becoming familiar with Microsoft Word. The children will copy, paste, change font size, colour and style. If you have access to a computer at home your child would benefit from practise in Microsoft Word. During class your child will engage with ICT activities and games throughout the curriculum to further enhance their learning and secure their understanding.	
Topics this term (cover Geography, History, Science, Personal Developing & Mutual understanding) Safety First • Road safety • People who help us • Home safety • Safety at night (Halloween) • Christmas	
Religion	
Your child will be completing activities from Grow in Love programme for P3. This term we will be covering our belonging together, belonging to our church, God loves us. We will learn about Jesus and we will prepare for Advent and Christmas. During this term we will be exploring various prayers: Morning Prayer, Hail Mary, Our Father, Angel of God and Glory be to the Father.	
PATHS	
This term we will focus on feelings- uncomfortable, comfortable and private. The main feelings we will talk about will be happy, sad, scared, safe and angry. Look out for your child's sticker when they are "Pupil of the Day" You can send in an oral compliment to be added to their compliment sheet that will be kept in	

school.
PE
PE Times- PE is every Wednesday, send your child to school in their PE uniform. There will be no changing, so school uniform is not required
Homework
Reading every night Reminder: there will be a Homework Book A & a Homework Book B which will operate on an alternate week basis. Two HomeWorks each week - Literacy and Numeracy Homeworks will go home on a Monday along with reading book to be returned to class on a Friday. Spellings, number fact, sound and key word booklet have been sent home for 6 weeks and emailed to all parents who have given school their email address. If you have not already given your email address, please submit this to Miss Doherty (jdoherty742@c2kni.net) at your earliest convenience. it is very important to ensure the school has this as we proceed through this year. On Fridays your child will have a weekly assessment based on the spellings and number facts of the week, Assessment book will be sent home on Friday to be signed and returned on Monday.
General Reminders
PE: Wednesday Golden time- Friday Praise Day-Friday-Pupil of the week! Friday is Treat Day where the children can bring a small treat to school for their snack. Monthly Newsletter. This newsletter is uploaded to our website www.stcatherinesps.co.uk or you can download our FREE APP to your phone and you will also find all the information there St Catherine's PS, Strabane
Health and Safety
Monthly Newsletter. This newsletter is uploaded to our website www.stcatherinesps.co.uk or you can download our FREE APP to your phone and you will also find all the information there St Catherine's PS, Strabane We will continue to have temperature checks and regular handwashing/sanitising throughout the day. Children will be provided with soap, hand sanitiser and tissues at school. If your child has any allergies, please let us know. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher (ymcgowan609@c2kni.net).