



St. Catherine's Nursery & Primary School Curriculum Newsletter



Year - Foundation Stage Term 1

Dear Parent,

I hope your child is having a good year so far, despite the current pandemic. Things are really exciting in our school for our Foundation Stage 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 child will be studying in school this term. You can support your child by also discussing these curriculum areas at home.

Literacy

Phonics

Your child will be covering stage 1 and 2 of the Linguistic Phonics WELB programme. The key focus this term is letter sound correspondence.

Please reinforce sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m, o, c, k, and new sounds f, r, u, d, h, g, b

You can use these sounds to create simple words.

Reading

Your child will read through the different stages of the Oxford Reading Tree scheme started in P1.

It is always a good idea to enrol your child in the local town library and borrow/read books with him regularly.

Keywords

Your child will be learning keywords/sounds each week and will be tested on them.

Some words will be easy to sound out and others they just need to remember.

An idea would be to put each word onto a piece of card and look at the sounds to sound out.

Mix the cards up. Revise previous weeks. What can your child remember? Another idea is to place the cards out and play 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with c' or 'show me the word can'.

Play snap. Make multiple copies of the words to play. They love this in school and it really helps them learn! You can do this for sounds too.

Writing

For your child to begin to write we will be working on letter/sound representation. Your child will be learning what a sentence is and that it starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop. We are promoting independent writing. If your child makes something of interest make a label for it. Ask him/her to stretch out the word to hear the sounds. Then begin to write the sounds 1 by 1. It isn't important to get the spelling right at this point. What's important is that they have a go to match the sounds to letters.

Numeracy

Your child will have the opportunity to develop their numeracy skills and will be covering numbers to 20 and beyond, identifying 2D/3D shapes, begin to understand time and understand measure & data handling.

ICT

In ICT your child will be using the keyboard to type their name and change the font colour. They will create a self-portrait, Christmas cards, using online programmes on the Interactive White-Board and a range of iPad apps to support learning. They will develop their mouse control skills. They will also have the opportunity to use the Bee-bot (Our programmable robot) to programme

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direction of forward/backwards and left/right. This is the beginning of your child learning to code!

Topics this term (cover Geography, History, Science, Personal Development & Mutual understanding)

Hey Hey Look at Me: Exploring Myself inside and out, families caring for others and homes.

We will explore the season of Autumn

Twinkle Twinkle: Exploring Space and beyond

Religion

There will be daily morning prayers in the classroom, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Your child will be completing activities from the Grow in Love programme for P2.

This term we will be covering Creation, Families, Belonging and Advent, preparing for Christmas.

Bible Stories and prayers.

P.E Children will develop their spatial awareness. They will participate in fundamental skills developing their coordination and movement. They will make decisions in games and partner work.

The children are expected to wear their PE kit and appropriate footwear (navy jogging trousers, plain white polo t-shirt and black plimsolls) to school this year, due to **Covid 19 health and safety guidelines**. You can appreciate the need for **clear labelling** on every item of clothing including shoes!

Homework

Monday - Thursday

There will be 2 homework books. 1 for cycle A and 1 for cycle B. Each book will contain: 2x Literacy and 2x Numeracy. Additional work can be practice forming numbers 1-10/20 correctly.

Reading- 1 book weekly for now and 5 or 10 key words

Phonics -revise sounds s, a, t, p, i, n, m, o, c, k

Reinforce new sounds introduced in school f, r, u, d, h, g, b

Use sounds to create new words, practice making words from key word booklet

COVID update: Please return all homework wallets on Friday.

General Reminders

PE day in P2a is Tuesday. Please ensure your child does not wear earrings to school on these days.

P2a starting time is 9:05 and finishing time is 2:10. Friday finishing time is 1:50

Ms Una Carlin has returned to continue the Musical Pathways Programme on Thursdays.

On Fridays your child will have a weekly assessment based on the key words of the week.

Friday is Treat Day where the children can bring a small treat to school for their snack.

Golden time- Friday

Praise Day-Friday-Pupil of the week!

Monthly Notes- All information is now sent as an ecopy. Please read as it contains valuable information about what happening in school.

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.

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

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any allergies, please let us know.

If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher (amcglynn388@c2kni.net).

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