

Curriculum Update for Parents

Dear Parents,

Now that we have started back to school full time and are gradually easing back in and settling well, it is now time for a few more updates regarding the actual curriculum. This update may answer a few questions that you may have. We hope that you find it helpful. Please read carefully as your support in your child's education, as always, is vital to success.

Literacy Programme:

Book Character Day

We are delighted to announce we will be celebrating Book Character Day in a Covid friendly way this year, by staying in our own bubbles! This is very exciting! Please send your child to school dressed as a character from a Nursery Rhyme (Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils) , Fairy Tale (Year 3 and 4 Pupils) or a story book / novel (Year 5, 6 and 7 Pupils) on **Friday 9th October**! Mark the date!! For health and safety reasons we would ask that you do not send accessories with your child's costume. Many thanks for your support on this. Keep an eye on Facebook for photos of our fun-filled day! 😊

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be arriving in time for Book Week (**Monday 5th October-Friday 9th October.**) While the Book Fair will not be able to operate in the way it has done in previous years, due to Covid restrictions, we would ask that you would continue to support the school by purchasing a book or books for your child from our book fair (online.) This is really important as these sales enable us to purchase books for the children in school! More details to follow.

Reading Books and Spellings

Reading for the year will begin on Monday 28th September. (P2-P7)

Reading Books will be sent home with the children on a Monday. Books should be read/reading prepared at home and returned to school on a Friday to be heard in class by the teacher the following week. This pattern will continue each week. Your child's teacher will provide your child with further details as appropriate.

Spellings for the year will begin on Monday 28th September. (P3-P7)

Spellings will be sent home with your child in a 6 week block. Children should practice their spellings each night for their spelling test on a Friday. **Parents will also receive a copy of the 6 week block of spellings by email.** If you have not yet provided your email address to the school, please do so as soon as possible.

Literacy Homework

Literacy written homework will begin on Monday 5th October.

Your child will take home the homework for the week in Book A. This book should be returned on a Friday for correction by the class teacher the following week.

Book B will be sent home the following Monday and will contain the homework for the week. Completed work should be returned on the Friday for correction by the class teacher the following week. This cycle will then continue.

This is a Covid friendly alternative to how homework has been completed in the past. Your child's teacher will provide more details to your child nearer the time. If you have any queries do not hesitate to email / contact your child's teacher.

Accelerated Reader

We are delighted to announce that we have purchased MyON for our children for this coming year! This provides access to thousands of reading books and story books online! Children can then complete Accelerated Reader quizzes on the books they have read. More details on how you can avail of this wonderful opportunity for your child, will follow soon! ☺

Numeracy Programme

Numeracy Facts (P3), Numeracy Facts and Multiplication Tables (P4, & 5) Numeracy Facts and Multiplication/ Division Tables (P6 & 7) will begin Monday 28th September 2020.

Number Facts and Tables will be sent home in a 6 week block. Children should practise their set tables and Numeracy Facts each night for their test on Friday. **Parents will receive a copy of the weekly number Facts and Tables by email.** If you have not yet provided your email address to the school, please do so as soon as possible.

Numeracy Homework:

Numeracy written homework (P2-P7) will begin on Monday 5th October.

Homework will be covered in a 2 week Homework Book Cycle: Book A (for a week) and Book B (for the next week). This is to minimise infection risk.

P1 Homework Information will be introduced at a later date. The Class Teachers will give more detailed information to parents about this, closer to the time.

P2 & P3 will have one Numeracy Homework Activity Sheet per week.

P4 – 7 will work from their Schofield & Sims Mental Arithmetic Book. They will have their own workbook but complete their answers, including working out, into their Homework Exercise Book.

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As per our Homework Policy, we feel that Homework is important in order to reinforce learning completed at school. It also keeps parents in touch with what their child is learning at school and promotes better home school communication. If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning at home or school please contact the class teacher.

We appreciate that things are a little different than they were before, but our children's learning, happiness, safety and well being remain paramount.

If you have changed your email address or mobile phone number please email Mrs Clare Kelly (Clerical Officer) to let her know your name/ your child's name and the updated information. Her email address is ckelly452@c2kni.net . You can also ring the school on 02871 382614 between 9am and 3pm to update information.

If you have any queries about this update do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or

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God bless you all,

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