

# Curriculum Meeting 2016/2017

## Primary 4 & 5



# Administration

- Please make sure all money sent to school is clearly labelled.
- All items of clothing marked with your child's name.
- Breakfast club 8.00-8.45am daily.
- Dinners cost 2.50 per day.

## Break

Water bottles can be filled at the water fountain during break & lunch time.

- Please try to provide a healthy break for your child.



- **Uniform:** Full school uniform at all time
- **Rewards** – Star Merits, Pupil of the Week & Cappy Award
- **Assemblies**– Weekly assemblies take place.
- We will lead two class assemblies this year and parents will be notified of the date.



# Absence/Attendance

Please inform the class teacher or Mrs Miller if your child has a medical appointment.

An absence note must be sent in to explain why your child has been off.

School Attendance Matters - See A Parent's Guide



# The Curriculum

## Language and Literacy:

Reading - Encourage reading at home - Home Reads and Library Book

Listen to your child reading their 'Home Reads'. Listen for expression, fluency and understanding of the story.

In Class we have- Shared Reading - Class Reads

Guided Reading - Class Novel

Writing - Forms of Writing; Narrative, Procedural, Recount, Report, Persuasive and Explanation.

(Whole School Focus linked with Assessment)

## Mathematics and Numeracy:

Processes, Number, Measures, Shape & Space and Handling Data

**The World Around Us** - Topics: Chocolate, Mountains, Egyptians, Inventors and Life in the Recent Past

**The Arts**- music, drama etc

**ICT**- ICT is a cross curricular skill and is developed through all areas of the curriculum. Ipads are now used as part of the daily teaching within the school.

- **PE:** Swimming on a Friday/ rest of class will do P.E. lesson. Also Gaelic football coaching on a Wednesday.
- **Personal Development & Mutual Understanding** Living Learning Together Programme
- **Religious Education:**  
We are following the Alive O-5 and the RSE programme Education for Love. P4 will come together with other P4s to take part in the new 'Grow in Love' Religious Education scheme for First Holy Communion Preparation.

## Whole School Focus;

**Maths- Embedding Problem Solving & Investigations & developing Word Problems.**

**Literacy- Embedding Comprehension & Reading whilst developing Phonics.**



# Testing/Assessment

- We use AfL to assess and monitor children's progress and learning.
- The children use Peer & Self-Assessment to provide feedback on their learning.
- Throughout the year we level pieces of children's work using their CCS book.
- Progress tests - PIE, PIM & CAT4 (May 2017)



# Homework

- Spellings; Prim-Ed Spelling Workbook (Mon- Thurs)
- Spellings and Mental Maths for Friday assessment.
- Maths & English homework every night
- Reading - 2 homereads per week- changed on a Monday (will begin next week)

Please sign your child's homework diary and Reading Record Book.





# Extended Schools

- Once again this year we are involved in the programme.
- We hope to offer a wide range of clubs through the year e.g. ICT, Soccer, Dance, Art & Craft, Zumba etc
- We also hope to develop further parental involvement this year. Details to follow.
- We are also involved in a cluster Extended Schools Programme.
- Zumba Monday, Art Tuesday, Dance Wednesday and Football Thursday.



# Designated Teacher

- Mrs Hagan is Designated Teacher
- Mrs Millar Deputy Designated Teacher
- Please let them or myself know of any concerns or worries
- How children get home.



# Questions/Concerns

- Open door policy in school!
- We have arranged parent meetings to take place in November taking place Nov 2016. If you have any worries or concerns please speak to the class teacher or arrange an appointment.
- We hope to hold Parent Support Evening in Numeracy, Literacy & ICT. We hope you will be able to attend and see what your child has been learning.



Thank you for your time.

I hope we have a good year working together and raising standards in St. Mary's PS Killyleagh.

