# Curriculum Meeting 2020/21

Primary 3 & 4



## Administration

- ▶ The school is now operating a cashless system.
- Everyone is asked to Log in to the website <a href="https://eduspot.co.uk/">https://eduspot.co.uk/</a> and sign up to the schoolmoney parent log and select what lunch their child is having and if they will be attending breakfast club, or if they are purchasing a healthy break.
- Lunch options- Free Dinners; Paid Dinners (including hot and sandwiches);
  - sandwiches (Packed Lunch brought from home)
- ▶ Breakfast club 8.00-8.45am daily. £1.20
- ► Healthy Break £1.50
- Dinners cost 2.60 per day.

- Uniform: Mon, Tues, Thu & Friday Full School Uniform
  Wed PE uniform navy shorts or jogging bottoms,
  white polo-shirt, half-zip or school
  jumper
- Rewards Pupil of the week.
- ▶ Due to current restrictions in place as a result of Covid 19, there has been no Assemblies scheduled at present for this current year.
- The Pupil Voice remains strong at St Mary's. Pupils in Year 4-7 will form the Eco Council; Digital Leaders or School Council. All children are encouraged to share their ideas with Mrs Martin and their class teacher using a digital forum.

# Absence/Attendance

If you child needs to get out of school during school hours or is absent please inform me by email.

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Due to current restrictions paperwork sent in from home can not be touched by someone outside the family home for 72 hours.

School Attendance Matters - See A Parent's Guide

https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/publications/school-attendance-matters-parents-guide

# The Curriculum

### Language and Literacy:

Reading - Encourage reading at home - Home Reads, Bug Club 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.

#### Mathematics and Numeracy:

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

The World Around Us - Topic- Weather will be our First Topic.

The Arts- music, drama and art

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 and will be used as part of our blended learning, Seesaw, log in details to access MySchool.

- PE: Wednesday Full PE uniform required
- Personal Development & Mutual Understanding Living Learning Together Programme
- ► Religious Education:
  We are following the Grow In Love and the RSE programme Education for Love.

# 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 PTE, PTM (May 2021\*)

# Homework

- > This year we will be using the e-learning platform Seesaw for our main homework.
- Activities will be posted for the week on a Monday at 2pm where possible.
- > If a pupil is unable to access Seesaw, a photograph of the work should be taken and sent via email to me.

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- Reading books will be sent home on a Monday these books will be familiar to the child and are to be returned to school on a Friday.
- ▶ Bug Club and Doodle Maths All children should spend 10 minutes alternate night completing activities in these web based programs.

## **Extended Schools**

Due to current restriction in place due to Covid 19, the school has no current Extended School Clubs running for children in P3 and P4. This will be reviewed in light of new guidance.

# Designated Teacher

- Mrs Hagan is Designated Teacher
- Mrs Martin Deputy Designated Teacher
- Please inform myself the DT or Mrs Martin if you have any concerns.
- How children get home.



# Questions/Concerns

- ▶ Parent/ Teacher Consultations At present we are awaiting guidance to how this can be facilitated.
- School website.
- Social Media Queries can only be answered during the school working day.



Thank you for your time.

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