Curriculum Meeting 2020/2021

Primary 5 & 6



Administration

- The school is now operating a cashless system.
- Everyone is asked to Log in to the website https://eduspot.co.uk/ and sign up
 to the school money 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 £2.60 per day.

Please have all items of uniforms clearly labelled.

- Rewards Pupil of the week & Cappy winners
- 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 your child needs to get out of school during school hours or is absent please inform me by email.

moriordan847@c2kni.net

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 - through use of Bug Club, own books, library books.

Listen to your child reading listen for expression, fluency and understanding of the story.

In Class we have- Shared Reading - Class Novel

Guided Reading - Class reads

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 - Topics: Mighty Me, World War II, The Egyptians, Liquid Gold

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, Google Classrooms, log in details to access MySchool.

- PE: On Wednesdays. Full PE uniform required and worn to school on that day.
 Due to current restrictions there will be no swimming lessons at present. We will review this in light of new guidance.
- 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 Google Classrooms for our main homework.
- Activities will be posted for the week on a Monday at 2pm.
- If a pupil is unable to access Google Classroom, a photograph of the work should be taken and sent via email to me.
- moriordan847@c2kni.net
- Any reading books that are sent home will be sent home on Monday and are to be returned to school on the Friday.

Homework

- Spelling: Use of Prim Ed spelling workbooks. A unit to be completed each week (1 page Mon-Thurs). Spellings to be learnt each week for Friday check up. Please take a picture of completed spelling workbook activities and upload to Google Classroom to be marked by class teacher.
- Mental Maths: Use of New Wave mental math workbooks to be completed daily Mon-Thursday. Please take a picture of completed daily mental maths activities and upload to Google Classroom to be marked by class teacher.
- Where appropriate: Mon & Wed written literacy homework. Tues & Thurs written numeracy homework. These will be uploaded to Google Classroom each week.
- Reading: Try to read a book each week on Bug Club/ library book to continue to develop your child's reading.
- A weekly overview with instructions for homework will be provided in each Literacy and Numeracy classroom on Google Classroom.

Extended Schools

Due to current restriction in place due to Covid 19, the school has no current Extended School Clubs running for children in P5 and P6. 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.
- Please email class teacher if your child has permission to walk home alone.



Questions & Concerns

- We will advise at a later date how parent teacher meetings will progress this year.
- If you have any worries or concerns please speak to the class teacher or arrange an appointment.
- Keep an eye on the School website and school social media accounts for regular updates of what is happening in St Mary's

 Queries can only be answered during the school working day on social media accounts.



Thank you for your time.

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