

Curriculum Meeting 2020/2021

Primary 2



Administration

- ▶ The school is now operating a cashless system.
- ▶ Please follow the instructions on the school Facebook page to sign up to SchoolMoney.
- ▶ School Money should be used to pay for school lunch/dinner, healthy break, breakfast club and Stay and Play.
- ▶ The school dinner menu has been extended to include wraps, baguettes and sandwiches at a cost of £2.60
- ▶ Breakfast club 8.00-8.45am daily £1.20
- ▶ Healthy Break £1.50
- ▶ Dinners cost 2.60 per day.
- ▶ Please ensure all items of clothing are marked with your child's name.
- ▶ School finishes at 2pm for everyone on Friday. No Stay and Play is available.

- ▶ Uniform: Full school uniform at all times Mon-Tue-Thurs-Fri.
- ▶ Wednesday: PE gear should be worn on a Wednesday. Please ensure this is labelled. Clothing includes: white polo t-shirt, navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms (no logos/stripes), school half zip or jumper and trainers.
- ▶ Rewards - Pupil of the Week will be awarded in class on Friday due to current restrictions. In class rewards will include our prize box
- ▶ Assemblies- Weekly assemblies take place.
- ▶ Due to current restrictions there are no assemblies planned.

Break

- ▶ Please provide a clearly labelled water bottle as the fountains are not accessible.
- ▶ Please provide a healthy break for your child.

Absence/Attendance

- Please inform the class teacher or Mrs Martin 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

COVID-19

Do not send your child to school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

- ▶ A high temperature
- ▶ A new, continuous cough
- ▶ A lack of taste/smell

Pupils displaying any of these symptoms will be sent home. Please see the 'return to school' letter for further guidance

The Curriculum

Language and Literacy:

Reading - Encourage reading at home. Listen to your child reading their 'Home Reads'. Listen for expression, fluency and understanding of the story.

In Class we have- Shared Reading
Guided Reading

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 include All About Me, Toys, On the Farm, Under the Sea.

The Arts- music, drama, art through play

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.
Seesaw - online activities. Coding - new devices.

- ▶ **PE: Wednesday**
- ▶ **Personal Development & Mutual Understanding:** We follow the Living Learning Together Programme e.g. develop feelings, identity etc.
- ▶ **Religious Education:**
We are following the *Grow in Love* and the RSE programme *Wonder of my Being*. The *Grow in Love* Programme is taught on a rolling basis so children get to experience both the P1/P2 curriculum over the 2 years.

Testing/Assessment

- ▶ We use *Assessment for Learning* to assess and monitor children's progress and learning - observations, independent work, in class assessment, reading records.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Weekly phonics/ tricky words check ups.
- ▶ Mental maths check ups.

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.
- ▶ Reading books will be sent home on a daily basis. They must be returned to the book basket to sit for 72 hours.
- ▶ In addition to homework activities posted on Seesaw P2 pupils should also do the following each night:
 - ▶ Build phonics words.
 - ▶ Read and write tricky words.
 - ▶ Orally recall numbers/ write numbers.

Extended Schools

- ▶ Due to Covid restrictions we can only offer Stay and Play at this time.
- ▶ Monday - Thursday 1.55pm -2.55pm

Designated Teacher

- ▶ Designated Teacher- Mrs Hagan
- ▶ Deputy Designated- Mrs Martin
- ▶ Designated Governor- Mrs Clark
- ▶ Children in P2 must be collected by someone over the age of 16.



Questions/Concerns

- ▶ Parent/ Teacher Consultations - At present we are awaiting guidance to how this can be facilitated.
- ▶ Contact with the class teacher can be done through Seesaw or email krice336@c2kni.net.

Thank you for your time.

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

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