



P5

Curriculum

MR MARTIN AND MR O'BOYLE

Primary 5

- ▶ **The school day** for P5 (odd year groups) begins at **8.45am** and ends at **2.45pm** with the exception of Friday, which ends at **2.25pm**.
- ▶ **Reading Accelerated Reader (AR)** The main aim is to foster a love of reading and to make children independent readers.
- ▶ **Take home book:** Due to COVID restrictions we are continuing our use of MyOn for online reading books linked to AR, as used during distance learning last year (same ID as AR).
- ▶ **Language and Literacy:** This year St. Paul's are adopting the strategies of **linguistic phonics** across the school and video footage is available on the parent section of the school website for guidance on how to deliver/support your child.



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- ▶ **Homework**: Homework is given Monday to Thursday and will include spellings through phonics, reading, learning **times tables** and written work. This will all be provided online using Google Classroom; see the help videos on the School Website, for further guidance.
- ▶ **Healthy eating**: We encourage children to eat healthily at break time. We would also like children to eat healthy lunches. It is also requested that children bring a bottle of water to keep them hydrated. **Please be aware of nut allergies and be careful not to send anything to school containing nuts.** Children may take in water, fruit or a healthy sandwich for break. **Energy drinks are not permitted at any time. Please ensure that lunches are sent in using disposable wrappings/containers as nothing should be going home to reduce risk of possible cross-contamination.**

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- ▶ **Uniform:** We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping your children looking so well and ask that you continue to provide the school jumper, shirt and tie, navy trousers or skirt or the summer dress for girls. **(Please note that track bottoms and trainers are not part of the uniform)**
- ▶ **P.E.:** Due to COVID protection measures, PE will not be timetabled for the foreseeable, however both classes will be partaking in the Daily Mile everyday. Please note if you wish to send in a pair of trainers to keep in school for this then please also send in a plastic bag to store them in, in case of inclement weather.
- ▶ **After School Clubs:** Opportunities to take part in After School Clubs will be unavailable for the foreseeable due to COVID measures. If/when this changes you will be notified via Google Classroom/to the email address you provided.

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- ▶ **Attendance:** It is better to come late to school than not to come at all. We ask that the parents phone the office (028 90 328968) or write a note to the teacher to explain absences. **Please note the school day begins at 8:45am (for P5).**
- ▶ **Meetings with Teachers:** Please be aware in trying to keep everyone safe meetings will be limited however please phone the school office in the first instance on: 028 90 328 968, to see what measure can be put in place.
- ▶ **Discipline: We encourage children to:**
 - ▶ Come to school.
 - ▶ Do their best.
 - ▶ Allow other people to have their opinion.
 - ▶ Show kindness and consideration.
 - ▶ Take care of their own property and respect other people's property.
 - ▶ Please note mobile phones are only allowed in school if given to the teacher at the start of the school day.

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- ▶ **Language and Literacy:** Including **talking and listening, reading and writing**. Children will develop their skills in these areas. A range of texts will be used and children will have the opportunity to study fiction and non-fiction texts.
- ▶ **Mathematics and Numeracy:** focusing on the development of mathematical concepts and numeracy across the curriculum. Children will develop their skills in the following areas: **Number, shape and space, data handling, measure, problem solving and oral and mental maths**.
- ▶ **Online Learning:** Pupils will develop their digital literacy skills and creativity via the Google Classroom and Seesaw Platforms. Such skills are essential for this generation and will build pupils' confidence and competence in completing online homeworks via the same mediums.

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- ▶ **The World Around Us:** focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding in Geography History and Science and Technology. Our topics this year are:
 - ▶ Term 1: The Ancient Egyptians,
 - ▶ Term 2: The Celts and,
 - ▶ Term 3: Water and Weather.
- ▶ **Personal Development and Mutual Understanding:** This focuses on emotional development, social skills, learning to learn, health, relationships and mutual understanding in the local and global community. From September to December Primary 5 will be completing tasks in school to develop their confidence and expression.

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- ▶ **Physical Education**: Focusing on the development of knowledge, skills and understanding through play and a range of physical activities.
- ▶ **Religion**: Children will follow the Grow in Love programme for Primary five and will take part in school assemblies, and school Masses, both of which are likely to be online for the foreseeable.
- ▶ **Pastoral Care**: This is coordinated in school by our VP, Mrs McCotter.
- ▶ **We would like to thank you for your support so far and look forward to working with you in this important school year.**