

Homework

Pupils will be given a sound homework on Monday relating to the sounds covered in class from the previous week. They will be learning new words continuously as required. A Numeracy activity will be given every week. Activities to practise other skills such as pencil control will be sent home. Homework will be sent home in the afternoon to be completed & returned to school the following morning.

ICT

Your child will have access to iPads, computers and interactive whiteboards to support their learning throughout the year.

Topic work

Pupils in P.1 will develop their scientific, geographical and historical knowledge in World Around Us (WAU) topic based learning during the year. The pupils will take part in Structured Play activities linked to each topic area.



Pupils will also work on their **Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities (TSPC)** throughout their topic work including: Working with Others, Being Creative, Managing Information, Problem Solving/Decision making and Self-Management. Again please provide opportunities for your child to develop these skills at home as well. Ask your teacher for ideas if needed.

CHILD CENTRED PROVISION

At Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan we aim to meet the needs and aspirations of the pupils within the school

We aim to create a warm and positive whole school ethos, reflected in the attitudes of staff, pupils and parents. We also aim to provide a positive learning environment for all pupils where their learning is encouraged and developed within the context of their individual needs, talents and abilities.



PE kit

Pupils are required to participate in PE as a mandatory curricular area. Your child will have P.E on a Wednesday. PE kit is navy jogging bottoms, red polo-shirt with our school crest and a green jumper with school crest and trainers. Long hair should be tied back. Please see the Parent Info tab on the school website for details.

Administration

Please try and send dinner money in an envelope on Monday mornings unless your child is off sick. Dinner money is £2.60 per day (£13 per week). We operate a Healthy Eating school policy. Please send in healthy items for snack and lunch. The school canteen will serve healthy dinners. All policy documents are discussed with the Board of Governors, staff, school council and parents.

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Before & After school clubs and activities

In Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan we offer a very wide range of after school activities. These include football skills, ICT, athletics, ECO, Irish Dancing, Healthy Kidz, and Transfer Club. Many of these only operate for P4 upwards. P2 have the opportunity to stay late on a Wednesday evening for Healthy Kidz—more info on dates and payment will follow. We would encourage you to get your children to participate in the wider life of the school.

Friends of Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan

We have a Parent Support Group in Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan. We always welcome new members and helpers for events. Information regarding the Friends of Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan will be on the school website.

If you have any queries please contact the school.

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What to expect in Primary 1

Information for parents/ guardians

Thank you for taking time to read this information on what to expect this year in Primary 1. This leaflet can also be found on the school website www.augamullanps.com under 'Parent Information.' If you have any questions or need assistance please phone the office on 02887740461 and our secretary will put you in contact with the relevant person for your enquiry.

SAFEGUARDING in Primary 1

Please read the school Safeguarding policy for important information. In Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan, we understand that we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge. This charge is taken very seriously and we always carry out this duty as effectively as possible.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you have a concern regarding the safeguarding of pupils in school please contact:

Designate Child Protection Teacher

Mrs McKernan

Deputy Child Protection Teacher

Mrs Gorman (Principal)



PASTORAL CARE in Primary 1

Holy Family P.S., Aughamullan is committed, above all else, to providing each pupil with the best opportunities to develop his or her full potential, socially, academically, morally, emotionally and physically. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher.



CITIZENSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR in Primary 1

The purpose of our school's policy for behaviour and citizenship is to:

- Encourage and praise good behaviour;
- Prevent and discourage inappropriate behaviour;
- Deal with inappropriate behaviour in a fair and consistent manner;
- Develop behavioural skills in the pupils that will benefit both them and the community in which they live and learn.
- Use class Traffic Lights to encourage good behaviour;
- Rewards and sanctions all centre around the Golden Rules below:

- Do be kind and helpful
- Do be gentle
- Do listen
- Do work hard
- Do be honest
- Do look after property



UNIFORM

Please see the Parent Info tab on the school website and your P1 information book for details.

Please send in a full change of clothes, including underwear. This will be kept in school and used only in an emergency. This does not have to be uniform.

Welly Wednesday

Wednesday is Welly Wednesday in P1-2 where our children take part in outdoor learning. Please send a pair of wellies which can be kept in school.



Numeracy

Your child will have a lot of knowledge and skills to work through in Year 1. They will need your on-going support. The areas of Numeracy in Year 1 are:

Number

- Counting forwards to 10 and backwards from 10.
- Recognise, read and write the numbers within 10.
- Number before, after, between within
- Find missing numbers in consecutive sequence.
- Order numbers from biggest to smallest and vice versa.
- Ordinal Number—understand and use "first / last etc.
- Recognise coins— 1p,2p,5p,10p and use 1p coins in counting.
- Addition /Subtraction

Where capable children will complete number activities within 20.

Data Handling

- Using tree, Carroll and Venn diagrams for sorting
- Block graphs and pictographs for representing information

Measure

- Know days of the week and their sequence.
- Know o'clock times
- Understand length, weight and capacity

Shape and Space

- Know names and recognise 2D and 3D shapes— square, rectangle, circle, triangle, — cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, sphere
- Understand and use a range of positional words— forwards, backwards, up, down, beside, between...

Literacy

There are lots of reading, writing, and phonics activities to get through in P.1 and this work will also need your on-going support.

Phonics

- Make sounds in response to letters a-z, ch, sh, th
- Blend sounds together to read simple words
- Segment sounds within words to write simple words.



Sound homework will be sent home each week to consolidate what has been taught in school. Please go over these sounds every night.

Reading

In Year 1 words will be sent home in a folder. These will be high frequency words. Children will be asked to read these words using their "sound knowledge" or using the "look and say" approach. Children will be given Library books and will progress to books with text when ready.

Writing

We will be concentrating on correct formation of lowercase letters and writing their name independently. Through modelled and shared writing the children will be familiar with sentence structure—using capital letters and full stops.