

Amy's 1st Class



DEAR PARENTS,

Welcome to our 1st class. I am delighted to have your child in my class this year! We are looking forward to all of the exciting experiences this year will have to offer. This newsletter will provide a glimpse into what's ahead in 1st class.



1ST CLASS TEAM

Class teachers: Amy and Patrick

Special Education Teacher: Aodhán

SNA: Denise



IMPORTANT DAYS:

Mondays & Wednesdays: PE

Thursdays: Art



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Explore engaging topics in English, Gaeilge, Maths, SESE, SPHE, Learn Together, Music, PE and Drama.
- Expect short, focused homework 4 days a week (e.g. reading, spellings, tables).
- Regular circle time, mindfulness, or “feelings check-ins” to support emotional well-being.
- Build skills in teamwork, critical thinking, and communication through hands-on projects and group activities.
- We focus on positive reinforcement and use Class Dojo points. Collect points to claim a reward!
- Theme weeks, school events, class trips, and performances.



ATTENDANCE

- Regular school attendance is very important.
- If your child is absent please submit a note on Aladdin or send a note to their teacher. Please give the reason for their absence.
- Punctuality - 8:50am start, morning check-in with children.
- Collections - please give advance notice/permission if your child is being collected by someone else.



BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

- **Focus on positive behaviour** - Rainbow stickers and dojo points.
- **Traffic light system** - Everyone starts on green.
 - Step 1 - verbal warning.
 - Step 2 - move name to orange.
 - Step 3 - if behaviour continues - name on red - miss 5 minutes of golden time on Friday.
- If persisting with behaviour, 5 minutes in another room - behaviour recorded in behaviour book. Parents informed.
- Every day is a fresh start!

HOMEWORK

- 1st class - 20/30 minutes max.
 - Work it out, spellings, tables and reading.
- Children should leave their homework if it is taking more than 30 minutes.
- Homework will be project-based every 4-6 weeks.
- If you have any issues with homework please let us know!

HEALTHY EATING

- As per school policy, one small treat on a Friday.
- Popcorn, crisps & hard sweets are not allowed.
- No nuts or food containing nuts please! This includes nut butters, nut bars and Nutella.
- 10 mins snack, 15 mins lunch.
- Students bring all rubbish home.



PE & OUTDOORS

- Suitable footwear and clothing.
- No crop-tops, no heels, no long earrings or necklaces.
- Layers for colder days.
- Rain-jackets.



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Website - www.ralet.ie for class news, events, calendar, policies etc.
- Please check regularly for head-lice!
- Parent volunteers to help with ict, art, trips etc (Must be Gardavetted).

Curriculum information

ENGLISH

- Red Squirrel reading programme
- Oral Language, Phonics, Writing, Spelling, Grammar.
- Daily DEAR time.
- Handwriting - cursive letters.



GAEILGE

- Gaeilge: Abair Liom 1.
- Oral language & comhrá, letter sounds, grammar, songs, games.
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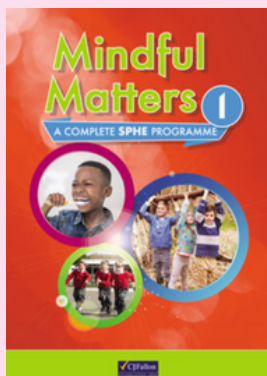
MATHS



- New maths curriculum - playfulness, creativity, challenge, risk-taking, collaboration and opportunities for reasoning and solving real-life problems.
- Programme - New Busy at Maths & Work it out (Homework).
- Applying maths in real life - money, telling the time, measuring.
- Tables - online game - Hit the Button.
- Subtraction with renaming, money, giving change, time - analogue and digital, operations - regrouping, skip counting, rounding, area.

HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, SCIENCE & SPHE

- SESE- Explore with Me
- Social, Personal & Health Education (SPHE) :



ARTS EDUCATION

- Art - Thursdays.
- Music - Into Music Programme.

If you have any questions about the curriculum please email them to the office and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Our first class!



APPOINTMENTS

- If you would like to arrange a meeting or phone call with a teacher at any point, please get in contact with a note, email, or phone call to the office and a meeting can be arranged.