



St Nicholas' Primary School

Primary 1 Newsletter

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# Welcome to Primary 1

A very warm welcome to our school. We are all beginning to settle into our classroom routines and are beginning to feel quite comfortable in our new surroundings. The children have been busy making new friendships and we are all ready to undertake the exciting challenges this year holds.

This newsletter aims to give you an overview of the learning and teaching in Primary 1 this year. Some of the main resources are shown; however, we use a wide variety of resources across the curriculum.

You will be kept up-to-date about events and activities throughout the year through the school newsletter, e-mail and Seesaw.



## Maths and Numeracy

Number is taught through the SEAL programme (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) which is an active approach to number designed to build confidence.

- **Counting** - forward/backward number word sequences (in ones, then twos, tens etc.), number after/before
- **Numerals** - recognition, identification, sequencing, ordering
- **Number Structures** - Patterns (domino, random, finger, spatial, sound), partitioning (breaking up a number), combining (putting together numbers), doubles, building with 5 and 10
- **Addition and Subtraction**
- **Multiplication and Division** - grouping and sharing, arrays

## Literacy and Languages

Our reading programme is called Bug Club. I will allocate a guided reading book each week, alongside 'independent readers' set at your child's level to explore and enjoy too.

### Talking and listening

- Shared play experiences
- Partner talk
- Circle time

### Reading

- Jolly Phonics
- Bug Club reading scheme including 'independent readers'
- Shared texts

### Writing

- Pencil grip
- Letter formation




## RERC

Christianity is embedded within the ethos of the classroom which helps guide children through their personal relationship with faith. R.E.R.C lessons promote teaching of the gospel values.

We are developing a greater understanding of the Catholic faith through prayers, hymns, knowledge of the bible and an understanding of the key feast days and celebrations.

### God's Loving Plan

- ❖ God's gift of creation
- ❖ I am special, God loves me
- ❖ Scripture stories
- ❖ Our bodies are a gift from God

<p>Our programme also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Number</b></li> <li>• <b>Shape</b></li> <li>• <b>Position and Movement</b></li> <li>• <b>Data Handling</b></li> <li>• <b>Problem Solving</b></li> <li>• <b>Fractions</b></li> <li>• <b>Money, measure and time</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black line drawings</li> <li>• 'Have a go' writing</li> <li>• Talk about pictures</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Birth of Jesus</li> <li>❖ The needs of a new baby</li> <li>❖ The Birth of Jesus</li> </ul> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Social Subjects</u></b></p> <p>We will be using the theme of 'Toys' and 'People Who Help Us' to explore how people in the past lived and to explore the different roles of people in our community.</p> <p>*Please note, other areas of social subjects will be covered in response to the children's personal interests and through our play experiences.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Technology</u></b></p> <p>Children will explore and experiment with digital technologies and use this to enhance their learning. We use a variety of ICT from laptops and the interactive whiteboard, to I pads and online school and home activities to enhance their learning. As a learning community we promote online safety at all times. Learners will use digital technology to capture and collect examples of their learning experiences. This learning will be captured and uploaded to Seesaw and the school website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Science</u></b></p> <p>Some of the many areas of our science curriculum which we will be covering are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Day and night</li> <li>• My senses</li> <li>• Exploring materials</li> <li>• Living things</li> <li>• Growing</li> <li>• Forces</li> <li>• Plants and animals</li> <li>• Electricity</li> </ul> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Homework</u></b></p> <p><b>An overview of Homework will be uploaded on a Monday and tasks allocated on our online platforms. Please continue to support your child with their homework.</b></p> <p><b>Please revise sounds and reading words regularly. A quick assessment of sounds and reading words will be carried out regularly to support your child's next steps in literacy learning.</b></p> <p><b>Our numeracy and maths homework are in the form of interactive I.C.T activities, notably Studyladder and Sumdog.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reminders</b></p> <p>P.E is on Monday and Tuesday - no jewellery please and hair tied up for safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please label all shoes and items of clothing</li> <li>• Please put only water in bottles for class</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thank You</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Miss Kenna &amp; Miss Fraser</p> 