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St Nicholas' Primary School

Primary 1 Newsletter

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# Welcome to Primary 1

Hello and welcome to our Primary 1 newsletter. We have all settled into our classroom routines and are feeling very comfortable in our new surroundings. The children have been busy making new friendships and are very much enjoying learning and playing together. We have many exciting challenges ahead and are sure to have a wonderful year together!

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 with events and activities throughout the year through the school newsletter, e-mail and Seesaw. Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns. I'm always happy to help in any way I can.

Thank you so much for your support,  
Mrs Mackie



## Maths and Numeracy

Numeracy is taught through the SEAL programme (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) which is an active approach to numeracy designed to build skills and confidence. We will cover:

- **Counting** - forward/backward number word sequences from any given number (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.

## 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. We will also develop reading skills through shared texts.

### **Talking and listening**

- Shared play experiences
- Partner talk
- Circle time

### **Reading**

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




## 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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Addition and Subtraction</b></li> <li>• <b>Multiplication and Division</b> - grouping and sharing, arrays</li> </ul> <p>Our maths 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>	<p><b>Writing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pencil grip</li> <li>• Letter formation</li> <li>• Black line drawings</li> <li>• 'Have a go' writing</li> <li>• Talk about pictures</li> <li>• Recount writing</li> </ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Our bodies are a gift from God</li> <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 themes of 'People in the Past' 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>Many 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.</p> <p>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><b><u>IDL</u></b></p> <p>Throughout primary 1, children will develop many skills within Social Studies, Science Technology, Expressive Arts and Health and Wellbeing during IDL learning blocks.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Homework</u></b></p> <p>An overview of Homework will be uploaded on Seesaw every Monday and activities will be allocated on our online platforms, Bug Club and Sumdog.</p> <p>Please revise sounds and sight words (in word and sound boxes) daily. This is a fantastic way to help your child grow in confidence in reading independently.</p> <p>Assessments of sounds and sight words will be carried out regularly to support your child's next steps in literacy learning.</p> <p>Our numeracy and maths homework activities are in the form of interactive I.C.T activities, notably Sumdog and Topmarks. We will also send home SEAL packs with other numeracy activities which can be enjoyed at home!</p>
<p><b>Reminders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P.E is on Monday and Tuesday - no jewellery please and hair tied up for safety.</li> <li>• Please label all shoes and items of clothing.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thank you so much, Mrs Mackie</p> 