



St Nicholas' Primary School

Primary 1/2 Newsletter

September 2024

Welcome to P1/2

A very warm welcome to this first exciting academic term in Primary 1/2. We are all settling into our classroom routines and are feeling comfortable in our new surroundings. The children have been busy making new friendships and are all ready for the busy year ahead!

This newsletter aims to give you an overview of the learning and teaching in Primary 1 and 2 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.



Home Learning

An overview of Homework will be uploaded on a Monday and tasks allocated on our online platforms.

Primary 1

Your child has been provided with a sound/word box. 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. Maths home learning will take the form of interactive I.C.T activities allocated on Sumdog.

Primary 2

Please revise spelling words (provided on Seesaw) throughout the week in preparation for Friday's spelling test. Reading books will be allocated on Bug Club. Additionally, Independent Readers will be allocated to support your child develop reading fluency. Maths home learning will take the form of interactive I.C.T activities allocated on Sumdog.

Literacy

Literacy is taught across three areas. Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing. Below are some of the resources we use to teach skills within these areas.

Talking and listening

- Shared play experiences
- Partner talk
- Circle time

Reading

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

Writing

Primary 1

- Pencil grip
- Letter formation
- Black line drawings
- 'Have a go' writing
- Talk about pictures

Primary 2

Writing is taught across a broad range of genres in Primary 2. Children develop their knowledge and are given opportunities to write pieces in the following genres:

- Recount
- Instruction
- Information Report
- Narrative
- Persuasive
- Poetry

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Numeracy and Maths

Across Primary 1 and 2 number is taught using the SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) programme. SEAL is an active approach to number where learners experience activities which are varied, differentiated, active, and provide effective support and challenge.

Learning and teaching is also supported by a variety of resources such as Teejay and Scottish Heineman Active.

Our Numeracy and Maths curriculum overview is as follows:

Term 1

- Number and Number Processes
- Place Value
- Estimating and Rounding
- Addition
- Subtraction
- 2D shapes and 3D Objects
- Patterns and Relationships
- Money

Term 2

- Number and Number Processes
- Multiplication
- Division
- Time
- Fractions
- Data Analysis

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Term 3

- Measurement
- Expressions and Equations
- Maths and its impact on the world

The order of teaching may vary depending on the interests and the needs of the learners.



R.E.R.C

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

- God's Loving Plan
- Creation – our world and our uniqueness
- Our Lady/The Rosary
- Prayer Services, assemblies, hymn practice
- The Bible – stories about the life and teachings of Jesus.

God's Loving Plan covers the themes of:

- God's gift of creation
- I am special, God loves me
- Scripture stories
- Our bodies are a gift from God
- The Birth of Jesus
- The needs of a new baby
- The Birth of Jesus



Health and Wellbeing

We have 2 hours of PE per week. Our PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

Children can come to school in their P.E uniforms on these days. Please ensure that jewellery is removed.

Social Subjects

Throughout the year the children will learn about the local area, their rights and responsibilities and about people in the past.

*Some areas of social subjects will be covered in response to the children's personal interests and through our play experiences.

Science

Some of the many areas of our science curriculum which we will be covering are:

- Exploring materials
- Living and non-things
- Growing
- Forces
- Plants and animals
- Electricity



Expressive Arts

Children have regular opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge in expressive arts through play, Social subjects, RERC and Assemblies.



IDL (Interdisciplinary Learning)

IDL is a way of thinking and learning in which pupils draw on knowledge, understanding and skills from two or more subjects in order to solve a problem or deepen their understanding of a concept or idea that extends beyond the scope of any one subject.

Throughout the year children will develop skills within Social Studies, Science Technology, Expressive Arts and Health and Wellbeing during IDL learning blocks.

Technology

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 Ipads. 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.

This year, Children will also benefit of weekly sessions with Miss McEntee to develop their ICT skills.

Please remember that our doors are always open and if you ever have a question or concern please do get in touch!

Many thanks,
Miss McDougall

