

Welcome to Primary Four!

Welcome to primary four. This is a very special year for us. We will work hard during the year and learn a lot of new things. We will also be very busy preparing for First Holy Communion.

In Primary 4 you will be expected to:

- Listen carefully and follow directions.
- Work carefully and quietly.
- Always take a pencil, rubber and sharpener to school.
- Look after your own belongings.
- Respect others. Be kind with your words and actions.
- Respect school and personal property.
- Work and play safely.
- Remember to take a healthy break everyday.
- Always try your best.
- Be independent!

Homework

- We plan to have numeracy homework on a Monday and Wednesday and literacy on a Tuesday and Thursday.
- We intend to issue homework tasks via our Google classroom page and utilise this resource for blended learning throughout the school year.

- We advise that homework should be completed in a quiet place and must be checked by a parent each night.
- Encourage your child to have pride in the presentation of their homework.
- Children will have access to the Accelerated Reading (AR) programme this year. They will read their AR books in school and at home and must take them to school daily.

Spellings

- We are following the Linguistic Phonics Programme.
- Your child will focus on a particular sound each week. We do many activities in school related to this sound. Encourage them to tell you what their target sound is.
- The words from the spelling list will contain this sound.
- A spelling activity will be set each night for homework.
- Encourage your child to look for words with the target sound beyond their spelling list. These could be found in their AR book or guided reading book.

Reading

- Make a special time away from distractions to read together.
- Check that your child really understands the book by asking questions.
- When your child reads a word incorrectly, allow them to complete the sentence before correcting them. Hopefully they will realise their mistake and self-correct.

- Encourage your child to use their word attack skills when they are stuck on a word. These include:
 - 1) Read the sentence and think about a word that might make sense.
 - 2) Use their sound/phonetic knowledge.
- Please sign your child's reading record.

Handwriting

- We practise handwriting in our class every day.
- Your child should be writing with an awareness of tall, short and tail letters.
- During the year in primary 4 we will begin joined writing.

PE

In primary 4 we hope to have PE every Monday and Friday. Children must wear tracksuit bottoms and trainers on PE days. We will be practicing skills in athletics, dance, games and gymnastics.

First Holy Communion

This is a very special year for your child as it is the year in which they will make their First Holy Communion. Throughout the year we will be busy preparing for:

- ❖ The Enrolment Service
- ❖ The Sacrament of First Penance
- ❖ The Sacrament of First Holy Communion

During the year your child will have prayers to learn. A copy of these will be sent home. Please read over them once each night with your child.

What will I be learning in P4?

Literacy

- Reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts including – poetry, fables and myths, adventure and mystery stories, plays, letters, instructional texts, reports etc.
- Exploring texts through discussion, drama, paired work, group work and independent activities.
- Planning and writing a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Children will be taking part in the accelerated reading programme this year.

Numeracy

- To count forwards and backwards within 1000. To know the number before/after/between within 1000.
- To add/subtract within 100 and then within 1000 using a vertical format.
- 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 times tables – reciting and random recall.
- To apply our knowledge and skills to problem solving.
- We will also be covering the areas of Measures, Shape and Space and Data Handling.
- Athletics – activities will be completed in class and at home.

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Religion
Music
Art
PE

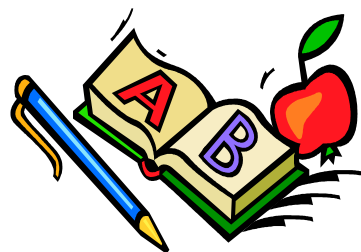
And much more.....

Help at Home

Dear Parent(s),

I want to make your child's P4 experience as enjoyable as possible. I want to promote good self-management skills and independence. You can help them by:

- Ensuring ALL their possessions, especially jumpers and coats are labelled clearly with their name.
- Encourage your child's growing independence by letting them sort out their own lunchbox, break, coat, shoes etc. I understand that this takes time, but it is great for developing independence as a learner.
- Listen to them read or ask them about their books and encourage them to read every day.
- Practising numeracy skills in an informal way- number games, mental maths and table facts.
- Encouraging and supporting them to do their homework by themselves and then checking and signing it.
- If you have any concerns during the year, please make an appointment with the school secretary to arrange a meeting.



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