

Year 1 Term 1, 2020

Routines

Monday

- ◆ Brief assembly 8:40am

Tuesday

- ◆ PE- Sport Uniform
- ◆ Japanese and Library – 1S Weeks 2-6
- Music and Japanese - 1D-Library- Friday Weeks 2-6
- Library and Music -1P- Weeks 1-6

Wednesday

- ◆ Canteen.

Thursday

Sport- Sport Uniform

Friday

- ◆ Library- Dolphins 2-6
- Library- TBA Weeks 7-11
- ◆ Canteen.
- Homework Due

**NO HAT PLAY IN THE
THE UNDERCROFT**



Religious Education

Our first module will focus on the “*Sacrament of Baptism*” as our initiation into God’s family, the Church.

Through a variety of learning experiences, the children will discover Jesus was baptised with water and shows us how to live as children of God. The children will investigate the ritual actions and symbols used in their own Baptism.

Please send in a photo of your child’s Baptism by Friday Week 3. You are also welcome to send in any other mementos you may have (Baptismal candle, white garment etc.).

On Ash Wednesday we will commence our Lenten module, the focus being ‘Growing and Changing’. Following that we will complete a module on Holy Week and Easter.



ENGLISH

Reading

Reading Groups will take place every day. During reading we will concentrate on further developing the children’s decoding, fluency and comprehension skills. **It is vital that the children bring their guided reader to school every day so that it can be used in our reading sessions.**

Writing

The children will have an opportunity to write each day. Students will be supported through guided writing sessions to help create interesting, creative and informative types of text.

We will also focus on the correct use of capital letters, full stops and forming letters correctly.

Shared Reading

These whole class positive reading experiences will involve the children listening and responding to texts including predicting, reading, questioning, and interpreting stories to gain understanding.

Talking and Listening

The children’s listening skills will be developed by providing opportunities to communicate with a range of people in informal and guided activities.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will be covering the following areas:

Number and Algebra

- ◆ Whole Number – place value, hundreds, tens and ones.
- ◆ Patterns and Algebra – 2’s, 5’s, 10’s
- ◆ Addition and Subtraction – friends of 10

Measurement and Geometry

- ◆ 3D Shapes – cubes, spheres, prisms, cylinders and pyramids
- ◆ Volume and Capacity – measuring containers

You can assist your child at home by practising:

- **Activities on Studyladder**
- **Counting forwards and backwards by ones, twos, fives and tens.**
- **Adding and subtracting with simple numbers.**
- **Playing board games involving counting.**



HISTORY



Past and Present Family Life

This unit provides opportunities to explore the reasons why people, events and particular days are important. The children will explore oral histories and learn about life in the past.

During the term we will be having a Grandparents Day where all grandparents are invited to the classrooms.

The children are encouraged to bring in **artefacts** from the past to share with the class.

SCIENCE

Push and Pull

This unit allows students to experience the forces of push and pull (including gravity). Students will explore how technologies use forces to create movement in products and will design a product for a particular purpose.



PD/H/PE



In **Personal Development** the children will complete a unit called 'All about Me' which focuses on that every child is unique.

The children will have sport with Mrs McMahon on Tuesdays. They will be developing their fundamental movement skills such as walking, side sliding, running, jumping/landing, and hopping/skipping.

The children will wear their sports uniform every Tuesday and Thursday. They must have a hat.

CREATIVE ARTS

Music

The children will be learning about the concepts of beat, pitch and tempo. The children play tuned and un-tuned percussion instruments. The students will also experience the music piece The Carnival of the Animals as part of Music Appreciation.

Visual Arts

The children will be learning to draw different types of portraits.

Drama-

Children will participate in Drama lessons during rotations.

JAPANESE



Students will be learning to count from 1 to 20 and learning to say a greater number of greetings in Japanese.

Reminders:



HOMEWORK

The children will be given their homework book each Monday with a list of Sight Words. Please encourage your child to read/spell these words. There is a list of activities you can do with the sight words in their Homework books.

Homework books should be handed in each **Friday**. **The most important part of the homework is READING. Please sign your child's reading log each night.** Children will be receiving a Guided Reader that must be kept in their Homework Pouch all week and brought to school every day. **Children will only receive a new reader once the other is returned.**

ABSENTEES

If your child is absent from school, please enter the reason for their absence on **COMPASS**. **It is a requirement that parents/carers notify the school the reasons for any student absences.**

It is important that children are punctual each day as coming late can interrupt lessons and be a cause of upset for the child. **If your child arrives at school after the second bell, you are required to go to the office to be signed in.**

Parent/Teacher Information Night: Week 3: 12/2/2020

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Week 8 – Parents will be able to book an appointment online.

We thank you for your support,

Denise McCarthy, Karen Winsor and Helen Martin.