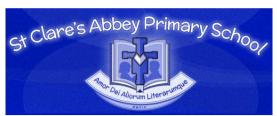
# St. Clare's Abbey Primary School



Primary 1 Newsletter May/June 2017 Welcome to our Summer term newsletter.

## CURRICULUM LINKS: LITERACY

We will be exploring letter sounds; w, y and z. Encourage your child to form his/her letters correctly.

- w- say down across, up across, down across and up across.
- y- Say down, under, up, down and a curve.
- z- Say across, slanted line down and back across.

Please see our P1 page on our school website for letter sound/letter formation guidance. <a href="https://www.stclaresabbeyps.com">www.stclaresabbeyps.com</a>

We will now begin to introduce sounds made by diagraphs:

- sh (as in shop)
- ch (as in chip)
- wh (as in white) and
- th (as in thunder).

### **NUMERACY**

We will be exploring numbers 13, 14 and 15 and continuing to count to and from 20. Encourage your child to talk about adding/taking away, use items at home to practically add together. If your child is ready they can use mathematical symbols + - = Language used in class:

- + (add/plus)
- (take away/minus)
- = (altogether makes/ equals)

#### TOPICS FOR THIS MONTH-

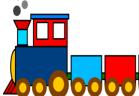
Our topic for this month is 'Holidays/Journeys'

As we approach the summer season the children have already been excited to tell us about day trips/visits to family and friends that they have been on or are in the planning process. We are incorporating this into our play based learning topic 'Journeys' which will hopefully be brought together by going on our class trip/outing. We will look at the various methods of travelling/ going on a journey. On foot, by road, by rail, track or trail, on or under water, through the air.... going anywhere and everywhere!

We hope your children have fun as we journey together.











 $\underline{SNACK}$  £8 snack money for each child is due for the month of May and June please. Protection from the sun

- If the weather is hot, please apply sun cream to your child before coming in to school. Children are encouraged to wear a sun hat. Girls can wear the school uniform summer dress and boys may wear navy shorts. Please ensure all jumpers and items of clothing are labelled.
- All children are encouraged to bring an extra bottle of water to drink in class as a when they need it (separate from the drink in their lunchbox).

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME:

- Encourage your child to say/sing the alphabet song. Encourage your child to name/recognise each letter.
- Look at a map of Ireland or a map of the world. Talk about places you have visited. Point out different counties and different countries.
- Talk to your child about any day trips/visits to family or friends or holiday plans.
- Encourage your child to think about how much preparation needs to be done to prepare for a journey.
- Talk to your child about how to keep safe in the sun.
- Help your child to learn and say their home address.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

P1 School trip (All classes)-Fort Everrgreen, Warrenpoint: Wednesday 24th May 2017. No school for pupils- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Sports day- Monday 12th June-Pairc Esler (weather permitting)

Friday 30th June - School closes at 12 noon for the summer holidays.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support shown throughout the year.

We sincerely hope the children have enjoyed their Primary 1 year and the experiences they have had along the way. We wish all our pupils every success in Primary 2!

Enjoy the summer holidays!



# Thought for the years ahead...

Talk with your child and you
will hear their voice.
Walk with your child through life and you
will feel their heart.
-Geoff Reese-