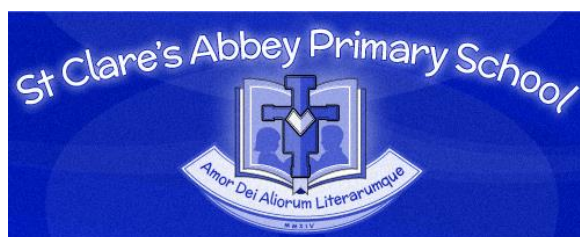


St. Clare's Abbey Primary School



Welcome to our Primary 1 Newsletter - April 2018

CURRICULUM LINKS

LITERACY

We will be exploring letter sounds; j, e, v and x. Encourage your child to form his/her letters correctly.

j- Say "start at the top, down to the bottom, around, lift and dot."

e- Say "around at the top, down, lift and cross."

v- say "down from the top, up and a curve at the top."

x- say "down from the top, a curve under, up and down and flick."

Continue to share your child's reading book with them each night, reading books should be returned on Friday. All children will continue to have a wordlist to read at home. These will be added to when we feel your child is ready. Thank you for your support.

Please continue to **revise your child's knowledge of the sounds learnt so far** (satpinmocfrugdghgkb). A solid knowledge of sounds is **critical to the development of your child's reading and writing**.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME:

- Continue to revise sounds weekly.
- Continue to practise writing all of your sounds and numbers regularly.
- Visit the local library and choose a variety of fiction and non-fiction books.
- Make something together - e.g. Rice Krispie buns, fairy cakes, sandwiches for your child's packed lunch.
- Continue to encourage your child to try out new fruit and vegetables.
- Go for a walk in the spring air. Get active and enjoy the good (hopefully!) weather.

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding:

Most of the Primary 1 pupils are happily coming into their cloakroom/classroom in the morning. Given that we are now entering pupils' final few months in Primary 1, we expect them to be able to come in hang up their coats/school bags/lunch bags all by themselves. They are doing so well at this. Keep up the good work!

Remind your child about the importance of **kind hands, kind words and gentle play**.

TOPICS FOR THIS MONTH-

Our topic for this month is Our World in Spring- we will be observing seasonal change and investigating how it affects us, animals and the world around us. Primary 1 will also be doing an assembly for the school, with the theme of Spring, on Thursday 26th April. Please practise your child's lines and/or songs with them at home in the lead up to this.

NOTICE OF ABSENCE

We ask that parents notify school if your child is absent. Please telephone the office. It is most helpful if a note explaining absence is sent in to the class teacher when your child returns to school. **School telephone number: (028) 30262175**

NUMERACY

We will be exploring numbers 13, 14 and 15 and continuing to orally 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)

We will continue to consider the concept of more and less. Count out two sets of objects. Ask your child which has more or which has less.

We will also be exploring measure with the children, comparing and talking about the length/ height/weight/capacity of two objects.

SNACK

£8 snack money for each child is due for the month of April, please.

IMPORTANT NOTES/DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **PE days** for Primary 1 for this half term will take place every **TUESDAY and THURSDAY**, beginning tomorrow Tuesday 10th April.
- A date has been arranged for the Primary 1 school trip- Fort Evergreen, Warrenpoint. Friday 8th June. A note with further details will follow at a later date.