

Literacy: Key Focus /Skills

Reading: Pupils will read and discuss novels. These will be graded to suit reading levels.

Novels for this term will include: Danny The Champion of the World (Whole class) Holes, The Thief Lord, Storm Clouds, Witches

Pupils will be encouraged to extend their range of reading and develop their own preferences. Children complete book reviews and activities based on novels read.

Grammar:

Pupils will focus on : Writing grammatically correct, interesting sentences: Including additional phrases to construct more interesting sentences.

Parts of speech ; nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs of manner, time and place. Tenses; Regular & Irregular Verbs; Punctuation

Comprehension:

Pupils will be encouraged to read and understand different types of text from both fact and fiction ; Narrative, Explanation, Persuasive, Poetry, Cross-curricular topic work; advertisements

Writing—Fiction and Non Fiction

Writing an explanation.

Writing persuasive texts.

Writing poems using personification, similes and metaphors..

Handwriting : Pupils will focus on developing a legible and swift style of joined writing, presenting good layout and evaluating and improving style.

ICT Skills

Use ICT to enhance, support and extend learning. Share and exchange work, exhibit and showcase learning and complete ICT tasks. Team Time! Children use Teams to co-create, co-author, communicate and collaborate with others on their theme. They will then review a peer's presentation and evaluate their own work.

PDMU

Develop better understanding of health, growth & change. They appreciate family background to create sense of personal identity. They will explore emotions and feelings through the PATHS Programme.

Homework

Pupils record their homework in HW Notebook, where parents and teachers can record any notes / concerns.

Reading Record to be maintained three times /week, with parental contribution.

Spellings Mon to Thurs. for dictation on Friday.

Revision of Numeracy on Thursday for assessment on Friday.

Literacy & Numeracy homework four nights / week.

Themes

All themes are cross curricular to enable pupils to connect their learning.

Ourselves focuses on the pupils' individual talents and personal development, the human body, staying healthy and exploring their culture and identity.

The Water theme offers the opportunity to explore the water cycle, investigate the states of matter and learn about countries of the world affected by drought.

Religion

Explore Old Testament prophets and how they were called by God. Pupils will look at how they can be modern prophets. They will also begin preparations for Confirmation.

Numeracy:Key Focus /Skills

Mental Maths - Quick recall of multiplication and division facts. Explore mental maths strategies and link these to maths topics.

Number Count, read, write and order numbers to 100, 000 and beyond. Use and understand square numbers - link with area. Extend function machines to include the use of 2 operations. Know and use multiplication facts to 10×10 in solving problems. Add/subtract fractions with same denominator where answer is more than 1 (i.e. understand what a improper fraction is - Understand what a mixed number is) Find fractions of quantities where the numerator is not 1. Use negative numbers e.g. in context of measurement- temperature

Money Use the four operations to solve problems up to £1000. Calculator work. Be able to plan and think ahead in terms of saving and spending money; prioritise spending with a limited supply of money. Understand how to access best buys, discuss foreign currency including the Euro.

Measure Convert between all metric units of weight, using up to 3 dp as appropriate. Measure temperatures, time. Calculate difference in time. Convert 12 to 24 hour time. Begin to develop skills of estimating measures.

Shape & Space Develop understanding of regular/ irregular 2-D shape and explore properties. Consolidate work on 3D shape.

Data Handling Collect, classify and record data in different ways.

Answer questions on various graphs, tables and diagrams, including:

Venn Diagrams, Pie Charts, Bar graphs & line graphs

Problem Solving Develop problem solving strategies through maths investigations and problems. Practise applying mathematical knowledge to real life maths problems.

Key Events / Dates

- Staff Development Day— Fri 26th Sept (closed for children)
- Mid Term: School closes on Fr 24th Oct and opens on Mon 3rd November
- Christmas Holidays - School closes on Fri 19th Dec (half day) and opens for pupils on Monday 5th Jan

St Mary's Primary School



Parent Information Sheet
Term 1 September 2025—December 2025



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Home /School Communication

What should I do if my child is having a problem?

Contact class teacher by note /phone. Contact School / Principal
Parents can maintain contact with the teacher through the homework diary or arrange an appointment through the office staff.
All queries will be responded to promptly.

How Parent /Guardian Can Help.

Be Positive and encourage your child by showing an interest in their work. Praise always helps, at any age. Listen to your child reading aloud-talk about the story and meanings of any difficult words phrases etc. sign and comment in the Reading Record. Practice mental maths skills with pupils at all opportunities - E.g. tables games, fast recall of number facts, rounding prices when shopping, calculating totals and change. Help pupils to research topics through search engines. reference books, visiting the library and sharing personal experiences. Pray with your child and take them to Masses in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

PE:

Basketball skills—dribbling, shooting, using space

Handball skills—Ulster GAA coaching

Swimming Lessons—Developing confidence in the water. Working on strokes and breathing.

Gymnastics—Transferring weight—Vaults and Arab Springs.