

Literacy: Key Focus /Skills

Reading : Pupils will read a variety of levelled books according to their needs and reading ability.

Class novel: *The Twits*

Grammar, spelling and phonics:

Pupils will focus on :

Revision of phonics & key words
Punctuation letters /full stops and question marks.

Identify parts of speech; nouns and verbs.

Alphabetical order

Future tense and past tense
Singular and plural

Comprehension:

Pupils will be encouraged to read and understand different types of text both fact and fiction on a weekly basis.

Writing—Fiction and Non Fiction

Writing a story; sequencing events, using the structure of a story editing and publishing a completed story.

Writing instructions: Planning, drafting and editing the final draft.

Independent writing in a variety of contexts and formats.

Handwriting :

Pupils will focus on developing a legible and neat style of joined writing. Joining high frequency words. Introducing break letters, eel, eet, a_e, ow, ou, oy and oi.

ICT

Use ICT to enhance, support and extend learning; share and exchange work; exhibit and showcase learning and complete relevant ICT tasks. Pupils will have the opportunity to apply their ICT skills throughout different curricular areas using a variety of Microsoft Office 365 programs and relevant iPad apps. Children will create video presentations and animations related to World Around Us topics.

Homework

Monday: Spelling activity, Mental Maths, Reading.

Tuesday: Numeracy, Mental Maths, Reading.

Wednesday: Literacy, Mental Maths, Reading.

Thursday: Reading, revision of Spellings and Mental Maths facts for Friday assessment.

Need to Know book should be used for weekly revision of Literacy/ Numeracy topics.

World Around Us

Pupils will work on two topics in World Around Us during Term 1:

All Around the World The children will research and explore famous landmarks, popular foods, flags and cultures from around the world.

Wild World Animals: The pupils will explore animals and their natural habitats, nocturnal animals, animals that camouflage and migrate,

Religion:

The Christian Church - Worship and Prayer
Morality - Respect for each other
Belonging - We Belong Together
Jesus -Jesus' friends gather together.
The Rosary

St Mary's Primary School

Parent Information Sheet
Term 1 Sept 2025—Dec 2025

Year 3 Mr Kearney

Home/ School Communication

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

1. Contact Class Teacher by Seesaw/ Microsoft Teams/ phone
2. Contact Principal

Parents can maintain contact with the teacher through Seesaw/ Microsoft Teams 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. Listen to your child reading aloud-talk about the text and the meanings of any difficult words, phrases etc. Sign and comment in your child's Reading Record. Continue to develop your child's Mental Maths skills at all opportunities e.g. Tables games, quick recall of number facts, rounding prices when shopping, calculating totals and change etc. Support pupils by helping to research topics through search engines, reference books, visiting the Library or sharing personal experiences.

Numeracy: Key Focus/ Skills

Mental Maths- Quick recall of number stories to 20. Counting in 2's, 5's 10's to 50/100.

Number- Revision of addition and subtraction to 20. Place value to 99, partitioning of numbers into tens and ones. Money; paying for items within 10p/20p, using 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p and 20p coins.

Measure- Time, focusing on the calendar, days of the week, months of the year. Consolidate 1/2 past and o'clock using analogue clocks.

Shape & Space- Identify, name and describe 2D shapes. Create and describe repeating patterns and sequences.

Handling Data- Sort and classify on a Venn diagram and Carroll diagram for 2 criteria (2D & 3D shapes). Recording on a tally chart. Interpret a bar graph and a pictogram related to topic work.

Problem Solving- Develop a range of problem solving strategies. Apply mathematical knowledge and understanding to real-life Maths problems.

Key Events/ Dates

- School Closed Staff Development Day- Friday 26th September 2025
- Halloween Holidays- Week Beginning Monday 27th October 2025
- Christmas Holidays- Friday 19th December 2025

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