

Literacy: Key Focus /Skills

Talking and Listening:

Discuss characters, events and opinions about stories.

Predict what might happen next.

Listen to each other and take turns to talk.

Speak audibly and clearly.

Reading and comprehension:

Pupils will read a variety of books levelled to suit their reading needs and to extend and further their reading skills. They will be working on reading comprehension skills by discussing story events and characters and giving opinions about reading materials. They will read and understand different types of texts, both fact and fiction.

Grammar, phonics and spelling: Pupils will focus on;

- Phonics sounds
- Basic punctuation (capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas)
- Adjectives
- Verbs
- Nouns and proper nouns
- Singular and plural
- Using past tense and future tense verbs
- Compound words
- Adding ing/ed
- Learning to spell keyword lists

Writing—Fiction and non-fiction

Report: Write a Report on Space/ Planet/ Astronauts / Rockets

Explanation: Write an Explanation on why we need homes, how houses are built and the different types of houses.

Handwriting:

Pupils will focus on developing a legible style of joined writing. They will work on joining across all literacy activities and particularly practise horizontal joins.

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 2:

Blast Off! The children will research and explore the planets, astronauts and the wonders of Space beyond Earth.

Homes Sweet Homes: The pupils will explore different types of homes, who lives in them and why they are important.

Religion:

All who heard him were amazed.
We listen to the Gospel at Mass.
Catholic Schools' Week activities
We can lose our way.
The Lost Sheep.

St Mary's Primary School

Parent Information Sheet
Term 2 January 2026—April 2026

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.

Finding missing numbers on the 100 square. Counting in 2s, 5's, and 10s to 50/100.

Number- Add and subtract single numbers and multiples of 10 using a 100 square. Add and subtract 9 and 11 using a 100 square to spot patterns.

Explore patterns on a 100 square.

Explore place value to 100.

Fractions; understand half and quarter

Rounding to the nearest 10.

Odd and even numbers.

Measure- Grams and kilograms as standard units to measure weight. Metres and centimetres as standard units to measure length. Revise o'clock and half past on analogue and digital clocks.

Shape & Space- Name and construct basic 3D shapes. Create symmetrical drawings. Understand clockwise and anti-clockwise.

Handling Data- Sort and classify data on pictograms, Venn diagrams, Carroll diagrams and graphs and be able to read and interpret data.

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

Key Events/ Dates

- Term 2 begins Monday 5th January 2026
- Mid-Term Break: 9th to 13th February 2026
- St Patrick's Day holiday: Tuesday 17th March 2026
- School closes for Easter- Wednesday 1st April 2026
- Term 3 begins- Monday 13th April 2026

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