

St Joseph's Primary School

Primary Four
Curriculum Meeting
Miss Clarke & Mrs Connolly
14th September 2022



Our Topics

This is Me!



This is Where I Live!



World War Two



Celebrations



Minibeasts



Learning Areas

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT
- Connected Learning (WAU, Music, Art, Drama)
- Physical Education – Tennis Term 1, Badminton Term 2
- Personal Development and Mutual Understanding – Well Being programme
- Religion – Grow in Love



Reading

- Striving to develop a child's interest in reading.
- Shared Reading - big books, e-books
- Guided Reading –
 - ORT, Wolf Hill, Fireflies
 - Tree tops (fiction and Non-fiction),
 - Novels
- Reading Logs
- Independent Reading (Silent Reading) – Variety of genre
- Dictionary Work – important to develop children's vocabulary
- Developing comprehension skills
- Punctuation and Grammar
- Class visits to Lisburn Library



Writing

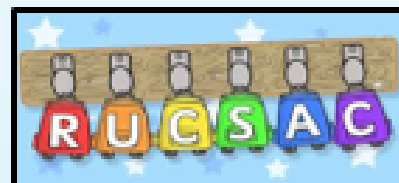
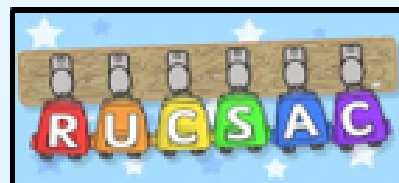
- Variety of forms studied – Cross Curricular
 - Procedural – write a procedure
 - Report – a factual piece on a given subject
 - Narrative – a creative story.
 - Explanation – explaining how something works
 - Recount – writing about an event that has happened.
 - Exposition – persuasive content like a letter or argument.
 - Poetry
- Free Writing
- Punctuation
- Handwriting - on lines and joined up (later in the year)
- Spelling - Complete Spelling Programme.



Numeracy

- Number
- Measures
- Handling Data
- Shape and Space
- Problem Solving
- Investigations
- Mathletics – login in using username and password at home





R

READ

READ the question carefully.
What is the important information?

U

UNDERSTAND

UNDERSTAND the question.
What do you have to find out?

C

CHOOSE

CHOOSE the right operation and method of calculation?

S

SOLVE

SOLVE the problem.
Make sure you follow all the steps.

A

ANSWER

ANSWER the question. Have you found out what you were supposed to find out?

C

CHECK

CHECK the answer. If possible, use the inverse to check your working out.

Mental Maths

- Focus on using a wide range of 5 minute warm up activities, e.g. counting stick, show me cards, squashy boxes, follow me cards etc.
- **7 mental arithmetic strategies (5 for P4)**
 - Counting on and back
 - Rounding and adjusting
 - Partitioning
 - Re-ordering
 - Inverse Operations

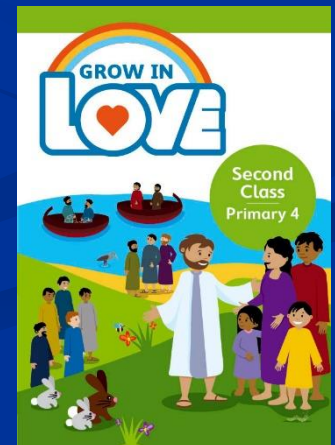
ICT

- Cross Curricular skills UICT
- Integrated into all Curriculum areas.
- 5 E's - Explore, Express, Exchange, Evaluate, Exhibit
- Pupils complete CCEA ICT tasks.
- iPads, CleverTouch Board and Wifi allow improved curriculum integration and enhance teaching and learning.
- Google Classroom - Online Collaboration
- Internet Safety



Religion

- Grow in Love Programme
- First Holy Communion date to be confirmed (May)
- Learn prayers and Mass responses.



Homework

- Aim - Consolidate and reinforce the learning skills and knowledge that has gone on in school.
- Weekly for P4
- 30 minutes per night
- Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, WAU, Religion
- Reading Book
- Reading Log
- Weekly spellings
- Weekly mental maths focus
- Friday Challenge
- Please check and sign.



Reporting to Parents / Assessment

- CAT 4– Cognitive Abilities Test in January
- PTE, PTM May
- Verbal reporting to parents via zoom in October and in person in March.
- Written Reports in June
- Weekly Friday Challenge
- Eight weekly class assessments
- Seesaw
- Weekly News-sheet – whole school
- Website
- Twitter



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Thank you