



Year 1 Curriculum Overview - Term 1, 2019

Welcome to Year 1!

We look forward to a happy and successful year with your children. The following is some important information regarding units of work being studied this term and some general housekeeping.

Important days:

PE with Mr Perez	Tuesday (please wear sports uniform)
Class Library borrowing	Tuesday (please bring library bag)
Class sport	Thursday (please wear sports uniform)

Religion:

Saint Brigid and the Brigidine Tradition - based on St Brigid's life.

Caretakers of God's Garden - with a focus on appreciating God's creation.

Lent to Easter- the focus is on prayer & what we can do to prepare ourselves for Easter during Lent, as well as, the events of Holy Week.

English:

Literacy block includes rotated groups and whole class lessons, encompassing reading, writing, computer, spelling and handwriting activities.

Writing- Our text focuses for the term are recounts, informative writing and sizzling starts for imaginative writing.

Talking & Listening- Daily news sessions of two minutes each, encourage key listening skills while strengthening the children's presentation skills.

Reading- We will focus on decoding skills, comprehension strategies, expression and fluency.

Mathematics:

This term the children will be exploring Whole Numbers, Addition and Subtraction, Patterns and Algebra, Position, Length, Data, Chance and 3D Space. The children are encouraged to work with a variety of hands-on materials, discuss and record the process of their thinking.

Science & Technology:

The unit of work being undertaken for the term is "What's that sound?" This unit allows students to investigate how sound is produced using a variety of different materials. Students build an understanding of how sound moves through inquiry and developing a shared understanding with peers. As students explore a range of materials and the sounds they produce, students connect their understanding of sound vibrations with the discovery that these vibrations can be altered through manipulating materials and the interaction between materials.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL):

Our work in this domain is about feelings and relationships using the Kimochis program. We are also working on Cooperative Learning skills using the 7 Habits and Positive Behaviours to Learning.

Creative Arts: Visual Arts lessons take place weekly using a variety of media and art forms. Children will require a *paint shirt* to protect their school uniform.

Music and drama lessons are taken with Mrs McNally on Tuesdays.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Tuesdays to be returned on Mondays.

The children will be given a listening activity to encourage and develop good listening habits each week. There will also be Maths tasks/games based on the EMU program and getting each child to reach 200 hits per term. Home Readers will go home with homework and we expect children to spend about 10 minutes each night reading to an adult/carer. It is also expected that children will spend some time reading for leisure. Please ensure the red folders with the reader come to school every day.

Family Photo

We would like to display a photo of your family in our rooms. Please send a postcard size recent family photo where all faces can be seen. This can be just printed on A4 paper, it does not need to be on photo paper.

General Business

- All items should be clearly labelled
- In the event of an absence a note needs to be provided to the classroom teacher
- **All students require an art shirt and headphones when using computers.**
- Crunch and sip: Students keep a water bottle on their desk to stay hydrated. They are also encouraged to bring an extra snack container for **cut up fruit and vegetables** to be eaten in the classroom. If it is not cut up into small bite size pieces it does not come into the classroom.
- PLEASE teach and practice tying shoelaces with your child.
- Children need your support to develop organisational skills. Encourage them to check a 'What do I need for today / need for tomorrow?' list at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to make an appointment to meet with us or send an email via the school office. As you realise, mornings are very busy so we would appreciate your assistance in making an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning in 2019!

Year One Teachers