

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Date: Term 1, 2020/2021 PRIMARY ONE

Key areas of the curriculum to be covered this term:

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to host a Parent Information Evening this year. Instead, a welcome/guidance material relating to P1 can be found on our website:
www.enniskillenmodel.enniskillen.ni.sch.uk

Select the **Home Learning** page and when prompted for a password type: **HomeLearning1**

The welcome/guidance can be found in the P1 section.

We hope you will find this information of help.

Literacy:

Pre-Reading

- Story time – fiction and non-fiction books - All About Me/Starting School/The Colour Monster/Autumn/Bears/Topic Books
- story sacks/big books/fairy tales and nursery rhymes
- read words on classroom displays and words related to topic displays
- read from class 'big news' book
- recognise own name on desk, coat peg, self-registration, dinner registration etc.
- introduce 'look and say' words – Mum, Dad, I, look, yes, no, here and help
- modelled reading
- shared reading

Phonological Awareness

- syllable clapping
- listen to and recite lots of nursery rhymes
- rhyme/rhyming stories
- Jolly Phonics
- sound display board and sound box - children will be given clues and asked to guess, 'What is the box beginning with the sound ---- ?'
- 'I spy' games with initial sounds
- Using the Sounds Write programme we will introduce the following sounds this term - m, a, t, s, i, p, o, n
- blend above sounds to make words e.g. is, it, on, mat, sat etc.

Listen to 'Jolly Jingles' on You Tube to familiarise your child with sounds.

Pre-Writing

- tracing letters in sand, rice, shaving foam and on sandpaper
- form letters using string, laces or play dough
- using chalk draw, make marks and letters on rough ground
- pre-writing activities e.g. dot to dot/threading laces/cutting out/ jigsaws/picture lotto etc.
- painting/drawing/finger painting
- useful apps for letter formation, blobblewrite, hairyletters.
- personal news – illustrate and copy over highlighted words
- play writing with pens, pencils and markers on whiteboards and paper
- grow your own name using soil and cress

Talking and Listening

- circle time – discuss their summer holiday/weekend news/favourite activities/family, Autumn and Christmas activities
- plenary session - children report what they have learnt during play sessions to the whole class.
- questioning and answering during daily activities and routines.
- story time predicting
- Nursery rhyme box – guess the nursery rhyme using visual clues
- Weekly focused listening activities – follow simple instructions to complete picture etc.

The interactive whiteboard will be used extensively to stimulate learning in literacy – matching and sequencing activities, for example.

Numeracy:

- sorting objects for colour and type – colour table
- counting 0-10 through action songs and rhymes e.g. 2 little dickie birds
- oral counting from 0-10
- conservation of numbers 0-5
- opposites
- sequencing of two colours e.g. red, blue, red, blue
- number stories e.g. Topsy and Tim (twins) and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears
- data handling – children age 4/children age 5
- making number sets up to 5 e.g. set of toys/leaves/chestnuts/acorns etc.
- pairing objects e.g. knife/fork, cup/saucer, socks

- simple maths games using counters and dice
- Shapes – circle, square, triangle, rectangle, star and oval
- familiarise with 1p and 2p coins through play
- positional language e.g. forwards/backwards, on top and under
- ICT – Beebot (programming)
- completing patterns/continue the pattern

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Topics to be covered this term:

Marvellous Me Autumn Goldilocks and The Three Bears Christmas

The websites below are useful for you and your child to access at home. The activities complement P1 class activities.

www.topmarks.co.uk

(click on games and age 3 to 5 years – then select literacy or numeracy)

www.educationcity.com – passwords will be issued by school at the end of September.

Trips this term (precise details to follow):

- School walk - familiarise children with their school surroundings.
- ‘Colour’ scavenger hunt through the school grounds collecting and finding coloured materials
- Shape walk – walk through school grounds locating shapes in our environment
- Autumn walk to Castlecoole – a dry day in October
- Teddy Bear trail around Castlecoole – a dry day in October
- Christmas treat – trip to J’s Playhouse, Fintona – only if COVID-19 restrictions permit

Items required:

Pencil cases, pencils, glue sticks etc. are supplied in school at a cost of £5.00. Please send money in a labelled envelope as soon as possible – thank you.

P.E. will take place once per week. Black P.E. plimsolls (labelled) in a PE bag to be left in school. No other items required. Hair tied up and no jewellery on P.E. days. If your child needs to wear glasses for P.E. a consent form needs to be forwarded to the class teacher.

P1Murray will have P.E. on a Wednesday and P1McClure will have P.E. on a Thursday

The children will continue to develop their Fundamental movement skills, fine and gross motor skills through play based learning and outdoor play.

Other information:

Homework – starts week beginning 28th September. Practical activities and a library book will be sent home on a Monday and returned on Thursday. This allows us to clean and quarantine our resources for 72 hours.

A new sound and a keyword will be introduced every week (sound/keyword book) and should be reinforced daily at home – thank you.

Dinner money – £13.00 per week (to be paid on a Monday) - To complement new guidelines in relation to handling money, it makes transactions at office level much easier if sums of money are kept separate for individual children/siblings e.g. please only send dinner money, trip money etc. in a named envelope to your child's class teacher. Thank you for co-operating with us. A packed lunch (healthy) is also acceptable – no crisps, chocolates or sweets etc... The children will stay until 2.00 p.m. all year, having lunch at 12.00 noon Please collect children from the classroom fire doors.

Break– Healthy snack provided in school - £7.00 to be forwarded on the 1st Monday of each month in a labelled envelope – this amount will be the same regardless of the length of the month and complements the policy in the Nursery School. Throughout the year your child will receive a variety of fruit, plain biscuits, wheaten bread, toast, pancakes, crackers, cheese, ham and milk. Surplus money collected will also help to cover class treats, baking, trips and a variety of housekeeping extras.

Toys – Due to COVID-19 restrictions children do not bring their own toys to school.

WHEN PICKING CHILDREN UP AT THE END OF SCHOOL PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE. CARS ARE ACCESSING THIS AREA ALONGSIDE ADULTS AND CHILDREN.

Thank you for supporting our School Code of Conduct.

This code is framed in such a way to encourage and reinforce courteous behaviour –

In Enniskillen Model School:

- We work hard and always try our best
- We respect the feelings, bodies and property of ourselves and others
- We make wise choices and are responsible for our actions
- We move safely around the school

In addition, we have Class Rules. Teachers supported by the classroom assistants will develop this code within their classrooms at a level appropriate to the age and needs of their pupils.

Thank you for working alongside us.

J Murray and N McClure