

Written Homework – 4 written homeworks per week, 2 Literacy and 2 Numeracy. A parent signature is required.

Dinner money - £13.00 per week (to be paid on 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.

Break and Packed Lunches – School following healthy break programme – no crisps, sweets, chocolates etc. to be brought to school.

Water – children are allowed to bring a recyclable water bottle to school with a pop-up drinking top. There is to be no sharing. No juice allowed.

Items required – pritt stick, packet of tissues, colouring pencils, 30 cm ruler, rubber – all labelled and in a pencil case please.

WE WILL BE USING OUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM FACILITY A LOT – PLEASE CHECK REGULARLY.

Whilst we know many pupils enjoy using game consoles, it has come to our attention that some pupils are accessing games and websites which are unsuitable for their age thus exposing them to inappropriate images, themes and language. We appreciate vigilance regarding your child's online activity. Please refer to the Safer Schools App/Website for support in this area.

THANK YOU,

R Coulson and M McCartney

ENNISKILLEN MODEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Date: Term 2, 2024/2025

PRIMARY FOUR

Thank you for supporting our 'Christmas Fair' in December. This P.T.A. initiative has generated some £1,800 for school funds – a tremendous help given the current financial climate. This amount will be a huge bonus moving forward and is very much appreciated.

Likewise, your support of our Christmas performance of 'Bethlehem Ballroom' has generated lots for Cancer Focus N. Ireland (total still to be confirmed) – thank you.

W. Glass

Key areas of the curriculum to be covered this term:-

Literacy

Reading – Banded Readers including Rigby Star, Sounds Write, Oxford Reading Tree, Harberton, Bug Club and Big Cat will be used. It should be noted that children are expected to read aloud daily as they will be required to complete activities related to the books they have read.

Please encourage children to read library books. Reading activities will be based on reading books. Core readers, banded readers and sound write readers (as appropriate) will be made available on occasions (as guided by the weekly planner).

A Paired Reading programme will be organised for later in the term.

Grammar - Introduction to prepositions, proper nouns, using commas, opposites and conjunctions; using Collins Book 1 as core material.

Comprehension/ Guided Reading – Variety of comprehension material from various sources (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) and related reading activities.

Creative Writing - Focusing on story settings, story openings, letter writing, shape poems and instructions.

Spellings/Phonics – Following the Sounds Write spelling programme.

Handwriting – Joined handwriting will continue to be developed and focusing on establishing good habits at home is essential.

Numeracy

Following the New Heinemann Scheme and the school's Mental Maths scheme – in class and as part of homework. Areas to be covered:

- 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 x tables (for quick recall)
- Multiplying a 2- digit number
- Concept of division
- Dividing by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 (for quick recall)
- Time – revise, quarter past, quarter to – introduce 5-minute intervals – It would be useful if parents could reinforce 'Time' at home
- Concept of area using non-standard and standard units
- Money using all coins and notes to £20 – calculating change
- Length – introducing $\frac{1}{2}$ metres and centimetres

Guidance notes are included in the 'Maths Help book' – strategies to use etc.

Topics to be covered in The World Around Us:

January/February topic – School's Cool!

- my school/schools in the past – Victorian Schools
- materials: inside and outside our school/ waterproofing/ insulation/ dissolving etc.
- mapping - co-ordinates and directions
- plan of our new school
- A trip to the Ulster American Folk Park has been organised – Thursday, 27th February 2025 (details to follow closer to the time)

- P4McC will continue with their Shared Education Programme with St Patrick's, Mullanaskea
- First Holy Communion – Saturday, 17th May at 12 noon

March/ April – Whatever the Weather

- Weather symbols
- Weather maps and forecasting
- Weather around the World
- Extreme weather conditions
- Clouds
- Weather folklore
- Weather reports and diary

P.E. Kit is as follows:

Model P.E. blue top, red shorts, royal blue knee-high socks and trainers. In colder weather: Navy or black leggings/thermals can be worn under the shorts (no coloured/patterned leggings or tracksuit bottoms). Sweatshirts can also be worn over the P.E. top.

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.

Earrings: Studs only are allowed but must be removed at home for all P.E. days.

Swimming lessons are being organised for both P4 classes and will start soon (Wednesday/ Thursday mornings) – as advised.

Homeworks:

Reading every night. Books given out on a Monday and collected on a Friday. Spellings and number facts – to be written out three nights a week and revised on a Thursday for a Friday Test. Spelling and number facts books should be handed in daily.

Reading for personal enjoyment is encouraged.