

Homework

Pupils will be given a sound homework relating to the sounds covered in class from the previous week.

They will be learning new words continuously as required.

Reading Books will be sent home twice a week.

A Numeracy activity will be given every week.

Activities to practise other skills such as pencil control will be sent home.

All homework will be sent home on a Monday and children have all week to complete the activities. However the children need to bring their homework folder every day. Homework will not begin until October. Please send in a homework folder (A4 + size) which should be able to hold an A4 homework book. Make sure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

ICT

Your child will have access to iPads, computers and interactive whiteboards to support their learning throughout the year.

Topic work

Pupils in P.1 will develop their scientific, geographical and historical knowledge in 5 World Around Us (WAU) topics areas during the year, namely: "Myself," "People who help us," "House and Homes," "In my garden" and "Journeys." The pupils will take part in Structured Play activities linked to each topic area.

Please read and discuss aspects of these topic areas at every opportunity.

Pupils will also work on their **Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities (TSPC)** throughout their topic work including: Working with Others, Being Creative, Managing Information, Problem Solving/Decision making and Self-Management. Again please encourage opportunities for your child to develop these skills at home as well. Ask your teacher for ideas if needed.

CHILD CENTRED PROVISION

At Clare Primary School we aim to meet the needs and aspirations of the pupils within the school

We aim to create a warm and positive whole school ethos, reflected in the attitudes of staff, pupils and parents. We also aim to provide a positive learning environment for all pupils where their learning is encouraged and developed within the context of their individual needs, talents and abilities.



Please contact Mrs. Martin if you have any queries or require more information.

Thank you.

PE kit

Pupils are required to participate in PE as a mandatory curricular area. Your child will have P.E on a Monday and Thursday. PE kit is navy jogging bottoms, pale blue polo-shirt with our school crest and a navy jumper/cardigan with school crest and trainers. Long hair should be tied back. Please see the Parent Info tab on the school website for details.

Trips in P.1

P.1 and P.2 usually have a fun trip in the Summer Term. Other trips related to their topic work may also be planned.



Administration

Please try and send dinner money in an envelope on Monday mornings unless your child is off sick. Dinner money is £2.60 per day (£13 per week). Mrs. Kelly (School Cook) is able to provide healthy break on Monday through to Thursday. This costs £1.20 per week and the money is usually brought into school on Friday for the next week. We operate a Healthy Eating school policy. Please send in healthy items for snack and lunch. The school canteen will serve healthy dinners on these days with chips served once a week. All policy documents are discussed with the Board of Governors, staff, school council and parents.

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Morning Time Routine

From Monday 16th September please leave your child at the green gate and allow him/ her to come into school independently. A member of staff ensures that all children make their way into the school building safely. Older children will help your child to put their coat and bag on the peg.

Before & After school clubs and activities

In Clare Primary School we offer a Breakfast Club Facility from 8.15am daily at a cost of £1 per day, payable on the Friday of the week before. We have a wide range of after school activities and courses. These include football, hockey, ICT, netball, cross country, Scripture Union, Dance, Eco, cycling proficiency and athletics. Many of these only operate for Primary 4 upwards. We would encourage you to get your children to participate in the wider life of the school. Contact Mrs Turkington for more information.

Friends of Clare

We will have a Parent Teacher Association in Clare Primary School. We will always welcome new members and helpers for events. Information regarding the Friends of Clare will be on the school website and on Facebook.

If you have any queries please contact the school

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What to expect in Primary 1

Welcoming all children into a learning environment where they will feel valued, happy and safe.

Information for parents/guardians

Thank you for taking time to read this information on what to expect this year in Year 1. This leaflet can also be found on the school website www.clareprimary.com under 'Parent Information.' If you have any questions or need assistance please phone Mrs Dillon in the school office on 02838840843 and she will put you in contact with the relevant person for your enquiry.



Position	Name
Principal	Miss Shona Lindsay
Safeguarding	Mrs G Martin
SENCO	Mrs H Bennett
Primary 1 Teacher	Mrs.G.Martin
Secretary	Mrs Dillon

SAFEGUARDING in Primary 1

Please read the school policy for important information. In Clare Primary School, we understand that we have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge. This charge is taken very seriously and we always carry out this duty as effectively as possible.

WHO TO CONTACT

If you have a concern regarding the safeguarding of pupils in school please contact:

Designated Child Protection

Teacher Mrs G Martin

Deputy Child Protection Teacher Miss.S. Lindsay

BOG Safeguarding Mrs. Elaine Fraser

PASTORAL CARE in Primary 1

Clare Primary School is committed, above all else, to providing each pupil with the best opportunities to develop his or her full potential, socially, academically, morally, emotionally and physically. If you have any concerns please contact the class teacher or Miss Shona Lindsay.



CITIZENSHIP AND BEHAVIOUR in Primary 1

The purpose of our school's policy for behaviour and citizenship is to:

Encourage and praise good behaviour;
Prevent and discourage inappropriate behaviour;
Deal with inappropriate behaviour in a fair and consistent manner;
Develop behavioural skills in the pupils that will benefit both them and the community in which they live and learn.
Use "Good to be Green " to encourage good behaviour;
Rewards and sanctions all centre around the Golden Rules below:

Do be kind and helpful
Do be gentle
Do listen
Do work hard
Do be honest
Do look after property

UNIFORM

Please see the Parent Info tab on the school website for details. Please send in a full change of clothes, including underwear. This will be kept in school and used only in an emergency. This does not need to be school uniform. Please also send in a box of tissues and a bottle of liquid soap.

Numeracy

Your child will have a lot of knowledge and skills to work through in Year 1. They will need your on-going support. The areas of Numeracy in Year 1 are:

Number

Counting forwards to 10 and backwards from 10.
Recognise, read and write the numbers within 10.
Number before, after, between within
Find missing numbers in consecutive sequence.
Order numbers from biggest to smallest and vice versa.
Ordinal Number—understand and use "first / last etc.
Recognise coins— 1p,2p,5p,10p and use 1p coins in counting.
Addition /Subtraction
Copy/continue / create patterns



Where capable children will complete number activities within 20.

Data Handling

Using tree, Carroll and Venn diagrams for sorting
Block graphs and pictographs for representing information

Measure

Know days of the week and their sequence.
Know o'clock times
Understand length, weight and capacity

Shape and Space

Know names and recognise 2D and 3D shapes— square, rectangle, circle, triangle, — cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone, sphere
Understand and use a range of positional words— forwards, backwards, up, down, beside, between...



Literacy

There are lots of reading, writing, and phonics activities to get through in P.1 and this work will also need your on-going support.

Phonics

Make sounds in response to letters a-z, ch, sh, th
Blend sounding together to read simple words
Segment sounds within words to write simple words.
Sound Homework will be sent home each week to consolidate what has been taught in school.

Reading

In Year 1 words will be sent home in a folder. These will be character names and high frequency words . Children will be asked to read these words using their "sound knowledge" or using the "look and say "approach. Children will be given wordless books in October progressing to books with text when ready.

Writing

We will be concentrating on correct formation of lowercase letters and writing their name independently. Through modelled and shared writing the children will be familiar with sentence structure— using capital letters and full stops.



(Literacy and Numeracy lessons will be differentiated to suit the needs of individual children.)