

Mount Carmel Primary School



Welcome to Our Class

Primary 3

Mrs Dunsmore
Mrs Hope



Our Vision, Values and Aims

We strive to learn together, achieve together and be a good friend to Jesus.

FAITH - Believe in ourselves, others and God.

KINDNESS - Towards all.

RESPONSIBILITY - To be honest, respectful and achieve in our learning



MOUNT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR AIMS:

- **Provide**

A friendly, inclusive, safe, caring, motivating and nurturing family orientated environment.

- **Foster**

Essential, transferable life skills through a broad and rich curriculum.

- **Inspire**

A lifelong love for learning.

- **Build**

Partnerships with parents, parish and wider community.

- **Enhance**

Spiritual development by providing Catholic education based on the Gospel values whilst instilling respect for other faiths.

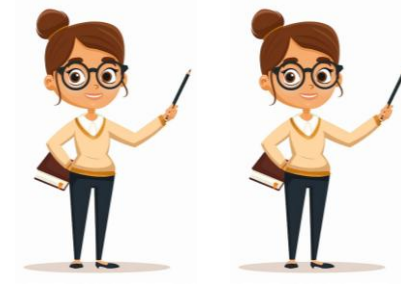
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Primary 3 Class Info

Teachers

Mrs Dunsmore – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday



Mrs Hope – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

P.E. Days

Monday pm – Mrs Dunsmore
Thursday pm – Mrs Hope





Classroom Environment



Classroom environment is set up with Nurture Principles and CIRCLE framework in mind.

- Cosy/Calm corner – allow self-regulation time (high-traffic area as well as quiet, low-stimulus area). Areas include soft furnishings, books, sensory items and fidget toys
- Visual aids to help children express feelings e.g. check in emotions chart on wall and in trays
- Resources are appropriate and clearly labelled
- Choice of seating and workspaces
- Consistent and predictable routines
- Visual timetable and transition cues (transition objects to reduce stress – now and next boards, timer)
- Responsibility for looking after classroom is promoted through our class charter and group leader and class helper roles
- Positive reinforcement using group marbles and our house points systems

Our Class Charter

- Primary 3 have already created a class charter
- They considered their rights when creating their charter:
 - The right to play (article 31)
 - The right to education (article 28)
 - The right to be safe (article 19)
- Classroom rules which all pupils are working hard to adhere to are linked to the class charter
- Primary 3 chose a “sea creature” theme for the class charter

“We all might be different fish but, in this school, we swim together”



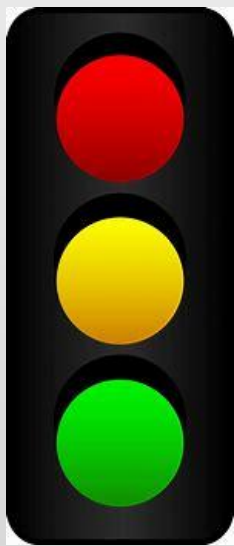
UNCRC

- We are a Rights Respecting School (RRS)
- Bronze Award pending and aiming for Silver over the next 2 years
- Framework to embed RRS principles to create an environment which supports and develops children into responsible, active citizens
- Children more aware of their Rights and how they impact on them and others
- Activities at assemblies and through class lessons – Article of the Month, Celebration Days etc...
- Used in conjunction with Rainbow Reward



Class Expectations

Rainbow Reward



- Reward play is free play which takes place on a Wednesday and Friday (20-30 minutes each session)
- We use a traffic light system
- The children have 3 opportunities to correct low level interruptions before being moved from green to amber
- They then have a further 3 opportunities to correct behaviour before being moved to red
- If moved to red, children will lose a portion of their reward play
- If this becomes a daily occurrence, children will lose all reward play



Literacy



Spelling

- New phoneme introduced each week and related spelling words issued
- A range of active spelling strategies used in class.
- Active activities include play dough, scrabble tiles, word building using magnetic letters, stencils, games and letter formation activities
- Homework will include spelling tasks, please encourage your child to complete their spelling homework

Reading

- New reading book will be introduced each week and related comprehension tasks will be completed
- Focus skills will vary each term. This term, P3 will focus on prediction and the effect and use of punctuation in texts
- Homework will include reading tasks, please encourage your child to complete their reading homework as well as read whilst at home

Writing

- Focus skills will vary each term. This term we will be focusing on descriptive writing.
- We will be using Descriptive Bubbles



Numeracy

- Focus skills will vary each term. This term we will be building on our sense of number, working on place value and a range of mathematical strategies.
- P3 will participate in a daily number talk to develop their mental maths strategies.
- An active approach will be used during numeracy lessons.
- Resources used will include: numicon, number lines, base 10 materials, loose parts
- A numeracy task will be included in homework each week.



Health and Wellbeing



- Pupils will continue with our whole school PATHS programme in P3. Each day, a 'Pupil of the Day' is chosen.
- Primary 3 will be following the 'Do Be Mindful' programme, which will continue to encourage the children to use a range of mindful strategies.
- Healthy eating is encouraged, and we would appreciate your support when providing snacks for break time and packed lunch.
- Children can bring a water bottle to school. The water bottle will be kept in the classroom.
- We are a nut-free school and we ask you to be mindful of this and not include any food with nut traces for snack and lunch times.

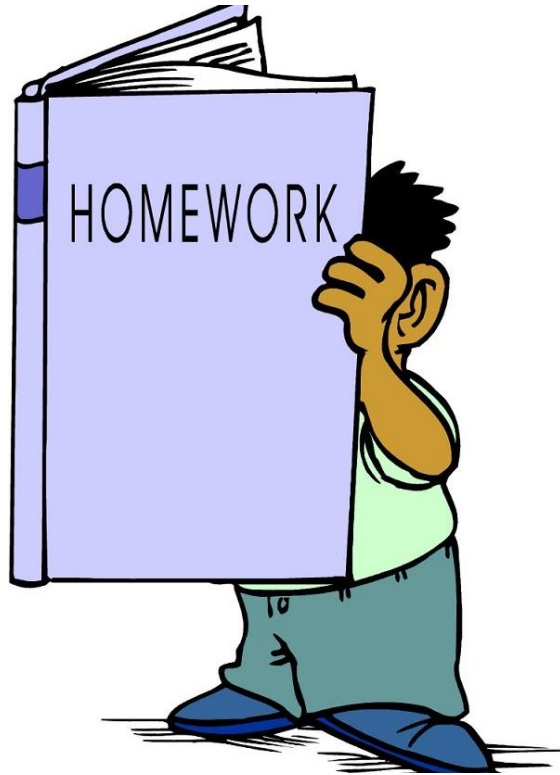
Religious Education

- Faith is an important part of our whole school ethos and community
- P3 will look at different themes throughout the year both in class and at assembly times
- Gospel values will be understood through Bible stories and this will be linked to our HWB/PATHs inputs
- P3 will celebrate mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel every month with Fr. Jim and the whole school in attendance
- This school year, P3 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, preparation for this will begin after the new year



Homework

Homework is useful for reinforcing the learning that is taking place in the classroom.



- Children will receive homework weekly.
- Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned on a Friday.
- Homework will consist of a spelling activity, a reading activity, a numeracy task and another activity.
- Please support and encourage your child to complete homework tasks as these will help to consolidate their 'in school' learning.
- As the year progresses, some tasks relating to the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be given for homework.

Literacy - Phonics

Practice your focus spelling words **and** common words at home.

Task 1 - Select one sound from the lists below and use those words to;

- Rainbow write your words in your jotter
- Use each of your words in a sentence

Please remember to write your sentences independently, only asking your adult to help you with tricky words.

Phonics

Literacy - Reading

Complete the Read and Draw worksheet.



Literacy - Phonics

Practice your focus spelling words **and** common words at home.

Task 2 - Use the other sound list below and use those words to;

- Write each word 5 times
- Use each of your words in a sentence

Please remember to write your sentences independently, only asking your adult to help you with tricky words.

Phonics

Sound/Phoneme for this week

ay/ai

chair

paint

play

away

train

snail

birthday

spray

rainbow

faith

oy/ui

boy

toy

destroy

annoy

point

coins

soil

toilet

spoil

royal

Common words:

the, said, was, went, this, you, my, with, like

Homework Grid
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Monday 1st September
Return on or before:
Friday 5th September



Additional Tasks

Phonics

Practise spelling your words and common words out loud with a family member. How many words can you spell out loud in 2 minutes? Do this every night.

Reading

Pick a book at home and read it with a family member. Discuss the book; what was your favourite part and why?





Keeping up to date with School News

At Mount Carmel, we use the Safer Schools Scotland app, and blog to keep parents and carers informed with the latest news.

You can access the school app by downloading it onto your phone or smart device.



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Thank you for coming, and for
your continued support.

We are really looking forward to
working with P3 in what will be a
fun filled year of fantastic
learning.

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