



MEET the TEACHER

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Miss Leyden and P4a

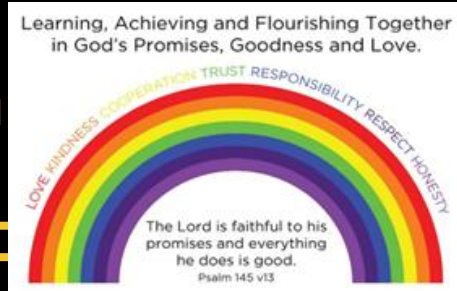


What's going on...



We have settled well into our new classroom and we have adapted very quickly into the new way of learning at St Clare's. We are LOVING our move upstairs to Primary 4. To make up for the learning time that has been lost, we have been focusing on a recovery curriculum to support your child in these four core areas - Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and Religious Education. So far, we have been learning about metacognition and the the importance of understanding our own thinking and learning processes. We have also been developing our imaginative writing skills by focussing on descriptions of characters and settings, taking some inspiration from our class novel - the Twits.

Within Numeracy, we are continuing to develop our Number Talks skills and revisit topics such as multiplication, shape, place value, money and time.





Our Year Ahead



In primary 4, your child will prepare to make their sacraments of Reconciliation and The Eucharist . Although we can't predict exactly what these celebrations will look like for us, the children continue to express their excitement and they will be fully prepared to take the next steps on their journey with God.

We will continue to revisit concepts to support consolidation in Literacy and Numeracy, as well as progressing with new learning concepts to ensure that your child continues to experience challenge, develop their skills and they can apply their learning to new contexts.

Throughout the year, we hope to focus on a topic of interest which will be the foundation of our Interdisciplinary Learning. We will learn about our chosen topic and learn to develop and adopt new skills across the Curriculum.

How You Can Help



As we continue to work together to meet your child's needs, here are a few suggestions as to how you can support your child's learning at home:

- **Homework** - please encourage the completion of homework tasks as this will allow your child to continue working on concepts which they have already learned and can be useful in identifying areas your child needs further clarification with.
- **Number Talks** - encouraging your child to share some Number Talks strategies with you at home would be beneficial in developing their mental maths skills.
- **Multiplication Facts** - we are always aiming to work on our rapid recall of multiplication facts. Please support your child where possible to practise these at home.
- **Reading** - although reading is part of your child's daily homework, finding the time to read a book for enjoyment at home will help to develop their reading skills and will enhance their love for reading.
- **Wellbeing** - continue to encourage a growth mindset at home, where your child develops confidence in their abilities and recognises that they can achieve anything that they set their mind to.
- **Sacraments** - if your child is preparing to make their sacraments, please try to support them on their spiritual journey by modeling the Gospel Values at home and finding time to be silent with God through prayer and reflection. It would also be useful to support them in reciting new prayers at home such as the Gloria and the Confiteor (these can be sent home at a later date).

A Quote that Inspires Us



"BE STRONG, BE
FEARLESS, BE BEAUTIFUL.
AND BELIEVE
ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
WHEN YOU HAVE THE
RIGHT PEOPLE THERE TO
SUPPORT YOU".
- MISTY COPELAND

Kindness, hard work, love and a passion for learning are instilled in each and every one of us in p4a. We learn together, look after one another and spread joy and laughter. We reach for the stars each and every day and always try to be our very best selves. We are a family.

"When we work together, there's nothing we can't do."

KEEPING EVERYONE LEARNING SAFELY



- Each morning early entry is from **8.45am** with Mrs Absolom, Callaghan, Mrs Pinna and Mrs Cooper welcoming everyone
- Hand washing in class
- School day starts at **9am sharp** – try to be on time as every learning minute counts!
- Pupils remain in the same seat each day, to maintain social distancing
- At playtime, classes stay in their zone
- Pupils can buy Tuck at playtime or bring a healthy snack
- Children wash their hands regularly throughout the day
- Adults keep 2m apart from children and other adults