



MEET the TEACHER

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Mrs Torrance AND P5



I am delighted to be teaching your child this year.

We are looking forward to an exciting, challenging and rewarding year in Primary 5, where everyone can reach for the stars and be their best self!

Mrs Torrance



INSIDE EVERY CHILD IS
A RAINBOW WAITING
TO SHINE

What's going on?



We have had a very busy few weeks in Primary 5, adapting to new routines, reconnecting with each other and reflecting on our learning and future targets.

The children have settled extremely well and have been true stars of St Clare's!

We have been working through a recovery programme of Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and R.E, in order to determine a “true” starting point for each child. This will allow time to address any gaps in learning and enable new learning to progress.

A part of our Health and Wellbeing we have looked at and investigated strategies to help us be resilient and have a growth mind-set. This has really helped the class to approach their learning with a positive, can do attitude.

















What's going on?



How can you help?



- The children have demonstrated a love of reading which is wonderful to see!

To encourage this and to continue to stretch their vocabulary, it would be beneficial if they had a book/comic/non fiction text etc, that they enjoy and can read at home for enjoyment. If they wish, they can bring this into class via their homework folder, as we read for enjoyment every day!

•Number Talks is an important part of our daily Numeracy lesson. We have a strategy of the week and the children are encouraged to use this daily to solve calculations in order to fill their “maths toolbox”. To support your child further, you could provide further calculations for them to solve at home or get them to demonstrate how to complete a number talk!

•Continued practise of multiplication facts will help with rapid recall during mental maths and written work in class.

What's coming up?



Challenge!

In class children have many opportunities to stretch, challenge and lead their own learning. This is achieved through:

-Chilli Challenge- a range of challenges are provided which range in difficulty.

Children lead their learning by deciding which is right of them. ***“Do what is right, not what is easy!”***

-Mystery read- Children have the opportunity to sign up to read the unseen, mystery text and complete follow up challenges.

-Children can create a challenge for a partner to answer in order apply their skills in a different context.

The children have responded positively to this and are keen to complete as many challenges as possible.... Every minute is a learning minute in Primary 5!

R.E

We are about to being a mini topic on Laudato Si'- a programme that will use the teaching of Pope Francis as the focus for learning, prayer and action. The children will develop an understanding of the very precious gift of creation, given to us by God, our world.

Look out for our progress via our Twitter updates!

KEEPING EVERYONE LEARNING SAFELY



- Each morning early entry is from **8.45am** with Mrs Absolom, Mrs 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