

The Curriculum

<i>In Primary 1 children will explore the following ...</i>	
<p>Enjoyment and choice</p> <p>– within a motivating and challenging environment, developing an awareness of the relevance of texts in my life</p>	<p>I enjoy exploring and playing with the patterns and sounds of language and can use what I learn.</p> <p>I enjoy exploring and choosing stories and other texts to watch, read or listen to, and can share my likes and dislikes.</p>
<p>Tools for reading</p> <p>– to help me use texts with increasingly complex or unfamiliar ideas, structures and vocabulary within and beyond my place of learning</p>	<p>I explore sounds, letters and words, discovering how they work together, and I can use what I learn to help me as I read and write.</p>
<p>Finding and using information</p> <p>– when reading and using fiction and non-fiction texts with increasingly complex ideas, structures and specialist vocabulary</p>	<p>I use signs, books or other texts to find useful or interesting information and I use this to plan, make choices or learn new things.</p>
<p>Understanding, analysing and evaluating</p> <p>– investigating and/or appreciating fiction and non-fiction texts with increasingly complex ideas, structures and specialist vocabulary for different purposes</p>	<p>To help me understand stories and other texts, I ask questions and link what I am learning with what I already know.</p> <p>I enjoy exploring events and characters in stories and other texts, sharing my thoughts in different ways.</p>

FAMILY LEARNING **Early Level - How can I help my child?**

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your child learn to read, you are opening the door to a world of books and learning.

- Children love routine. Snuggle up and read with your child every day. Reading aloud is the best way to get your child interested in reading.
- Take your child to the library, let them choose exciting books with flaps, different textures, colourful pictures and sounds. Children love having their own library card!
- Make reading fun. For example, let your child act out the story or use different voices for different characters.
- Talk about interesting words and what is happening in the book.
- Talk about reading from left to right and show your child, by using your finger, how to trace words.
- Encourage your child to ask questions and to comment on the story and pictures in a book – before, during, and after reading it.
- Look at the cover and the title of a book with your child, and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen in the story.
- When you are travelling or away from home, take along books and magazines to share with your child.
- Show your child how much you love reading. You are your child's most important role model.
- Say rhymes and sing songs together and let your child fill in the rhyming words at the end of the sentences.
- Make mistakes in familiar songs and rhymes...and get caught!
- Point out, and talk about, the words all around you, for example the name of the shop you are in, labels on food, familiar street names, instructions, menus, etc.
- Give your child their own short shopping list with words and pictures.
- Show your child that you see him or her as a growing reader, and praise his or her efforts to learn.
- Speak to a member of staff if you have any worries or concerns. We are here to help and support you!