



### 1<sup>st</sup> Class Staff

**Rm 12:** Ms. Sarah McDermott  
**Rm 13:** Ms. Elaine Fitzgibbon  
**Rm 14:** Ms Michelle Kenny  
**S.E.T :** Ms Grace Heavey

### Homework in 1<sup>st</sup> Class

Homework should take no longer than 15-20 minutes. Please supervise your child to stay on task during homework time. For some children the amount of completed homework expected will vary. Please contact the class teacher if your child is experiencing difficulty.

- **Spelling workbook** (3/4 per night). Please follow the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" procedure.
- **Mental Maths.** Concepts will be covered over the course of the year. If your child cannot complete a question allow them to skip it and ask the teacher in class.
- **Guided reading book.** The children get 3-4 pages to read out loud per night. It would support your child's reading if you use the comprehension questions at the back of the book.
- **Tricky words/ Tables:** Later in the year, learning of tricky words and tables will be introduced to homework also.



*In Scoil na Naomh Uilig we are all equal.  
We learn together, we play together, we  
pray and we grow together.*



*Uile le Chéile*



### What's new in the 1st Class Curriculum?

- **Maths** –Introduction of tens and units during the year. Mathematical language used is **renaming** not "carrying the ten". -  
-Introduction to the *100 square*. Rote learning of addition and subtraction tables.
- **Homework-** Homework will be taken down from the board into the homework journal.
- **English** – Emphasis on cursive writing. Dictation will be introduced this year. Children will participate in Literacy Lift Off (LLO) to focus on reading fluency, accuracy and comprehension skills. Spellings will be checked every Friday.
- **AISTEAR-** Aistear (learning through play) will continue in 1<sup>st</sup> class.
- **Pencil Cases:** Please regularly check with your child to ensure that they have everything that they need. *E.g Pencils, Red pen, twistables, eraser, sharpener etc.*

### RSE/STAY SAFE/SPHE

**RSE/SPHE:** 1st class RSE and SPHE will be taught this year in Term 2 and Term 3.

### Tracksuit Days

**Rm 12:** Mon, Thurs & Fri  
**Rm 13:** Tues, Thurs & Fri  
**Rm 14:** Mon, Wed & Thurs



### Google

#### **Classroom:**

All parents will be invited via email to join google classroom.



### Literacy

Children will bring home individual Oxford readers for most of the year. Please listen to your child reading aloud for a few minutes each evening and ask a few questions! Talk to your child about the characters, setting, problem, solution, cause and effect, sequence of events and fact or opinion.

**Literacy Lift Off** During term 1, the children will engage in differentiated reading and writing activities in a small group setting during LLO.

Children's spellings are checked every week with an emphasis on dictation and the ability to form sentences.

## Our Class Reward Systems

✓ Individual:

Stars, Stickers, Class Dojo, Praise for following the rules, Star of The Week

✓ Grouped: Marbles/Ticks / Class Dojo

★ ✓ Class: Golden time/Playground ★

## Our School Website

Check out our latest news on our school website, which is updated regularly with news, activities and photos.

The Thursday note is also available and updated on the website every week



## Learning to Live Together

Be on time and be prepared

Be Fair, Be Friendly

Talk in the right way at the right time

Sit when working, walk when moving

Always do your best

### Restorative Questions

What happened?

What were you thinking of at the time?

What have you thought about it since?

Who has been affected and in what way?

How could things have been done differently?

What do you think needs to happen next?



## Learning to Live Together - Yard

Be Fair, Be Friendly

Kind Hands, Kind Feet, Kind Words

We tell a teacher if there is a problem

We stay in our own yard

We always do what a teacher asks

### Values

We will be learning about human values such as friendship, kindness, courage and honesty and many more.

Chat to your child about what value they are learning this week.



Classes will use iPads for interactive learning throughout the year and during Literacy Lift Off.



## Aistear Programme

In 1<sup>st</sup> class we continue to partake in Aistear which is learning through play. Each month we begin a new theme for example 'Post Office', 'Supermarket'. Aistear helps develop oral language, imagination and social skills as well as literacy, numeracy and thinking skills.



## Contact Us

Any messages can be given through the diary/office.

If you need to talk to us, please send in a note and we will call when we can.

We look forward to a great school year 2023-24 in Scoil na Naomh Uilig