

Welcome to Monet Class!

Year 1 and 2



Our class prayer is based on our school vision.

**Dear God,
Please help us to learn for life, achieve
our best and grow in faith.**

In Jesus's name.

Amen

Teaching Staff:

Class Teachers

Mrs MacLeod

Monday – Thursday

Mrs Grover

Monday - Wednesday

Mrs Oakins

Thursday & Friday

Support staff - Mrs Contessa and

Mrs Crossan

PE is with our school coaches Mrs Cooney and Miss Wilkinson
and Computing is with Mrs Gibbons

Physical Education

This will usually take place on **Wednesday** and **Friday**

A few reminders for PE:

- Please can children come to school ready for PE with the correct kit for full participation.
- Children should currently be wearing a white t-shirt, black shorts and suitable shoes for indoor/outdoor sport.
- In cold weather they may also need plain black jogging bottoms and jumper.
 - Long hair must be tied back.
 - No jewellery please – Necklaces, friendship bracelets etc.
- Earrings should be removed completely and only covered with tape in exceptional circumstances.



Classroom Routines



- Please bring your book bag and reading diary into school **everyday** for sharing notes on reading and messages.
- Reading books can be changed first thing every morning or when you have finished the book. Children will have an e-book released on a Wednesday to be read online at least 3 times.
- Water bottles should be brought to school **every Monday** and will sent home on a Friday.
- Please send in wellies in a named plastic bag to be kept in school.
- Please send your child to school with a waterproof coat everyday as we will be out in all weathers.
- Bags – to maximise space in the cloakroom and minimise items being brought into school, pupils will only require a book bag and **not** a rucksack.
- Please send in a small change of clothes that can be kept on your child's peg in a named plastic bag. This will prevent the borrowing of clothes following an accident.

Learning in Monet Class

Throughout Key Stage 1 we learn in a variety of ways:

- First hand experiences and exploration allowing opportunities for independence and decision making with adult guidance.
- Guided Groups with focused delivery from teaching staff
- Whole class teaching and learning. There are also opportunities for pupils to receive individual feedback as necessary.

Assessment

Observations, assessments and work gathered throughout the year help to assess your child against the end of Key Stage One curriculum framework.

Home Learning

Please do read every day for at least 15 – 20mins. This can involve sharing a book, listening to your child read or an adult reading to the child.

Home tasks to support school-based learning:

- Practise mathematical facts – making use of Mathletics. (Log in details can be found in the front of the children's reading diaries). This is an important consolidation for the children and should not take longer than 15 minutes a week.
- Year 2 can also use Times Tables Rockstars. (Log in details can be found in the front of the children's reading diaries.) Again this is crucial to supporting the vital skill of times tables.
- Phonics (see next page)
- Practise Tricky Words, first reading and then spelling.

Reading



- In Monet Class, we love to read! Everyday, we enjoy sharing a range of books in class. We listen to our teacher read, we read to each other and complete our **Reading Practise Sessions**.
- Following our in-school Reading Practise Sessions (Monday-Wednesday) we will send home the title of your child's **e-book** in their **Reading Diary**. Please encourage your child to read on-line a minimum of three times. These texts will remain in your child's online library for you to return to at anytime.
- In order to support your child's reading, we complete regular diagnostic assessments so that we can accurately match your child's knowledge and skills to the relevant set of books.
- Your child will bring home a **Shared Reading Book** each night. We hope that you enjoy sharing these with your child – it could be a non-fiction book, a comic or a picture book story.

Phonics



Please practise the sounds from each phase that your child is working on currently:

Year 1 - Phase 3 and 4. Phase 5 after October half term.

Year 2 - Phase 5

Ideally, this will be with the Little Wandle GPC cards and tricky words. If you would like to purchase a set from school please let the office know.



There will be a Little Wandle Phonics, Reading and Spelling workshop for all parents on Wednesday 9th October at 2:45pm. We will share with you how we teach phonics and how Year 2 moves from phonics to spelling.

Behaviour

In Monet Class, we reward positive learning and behaviour by moving our peg up to the moon and stars, and receiving a token.

The children can choose which reward box they would like to put their token in.

At the end of every half term, we count the tokens and the whole school celebrates with the chosen reward.

We continue to award certificates on a Friday and we also give out stickers from time to time.



We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your children over the last week and we are looking forward to a great year ahead!