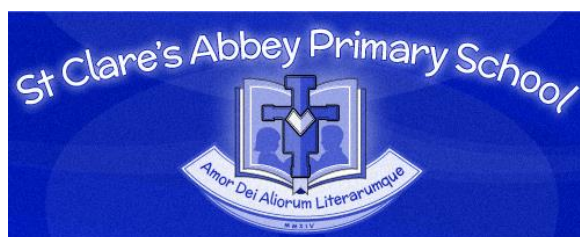


## St. Clare's Abbey Primary School



Primary 1 Newsletter

February 2018

### Welcome to our February newsletter.

#### CURRICULUM LINKS: LITERACY

Encourage your child to write his / her full name.

Continue to read the words on your word list and write some sentences using these words, as well words which your child sounds out.

Letter sounds we will be working on this month:

q- say around and up, down to the bottom and curve.

d- say around up to the top, down and flick.

h- say down from the top, up around, down and flick.

g- say around and up, down to the bottom and around.

#### Rhyme:

- Play language games. Say, "My name is Mark. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does park rhyme with Mark? Does ball rhyme with Mark?"

#### Reading:

- Talking about stories and using story language helps to tune your child into reading. Talk about the author, illustrator, cover, the beginning, the end, words, sentences, features on the page, for example speech bubbles and pictures - it's 'book talk'.
- As your child begins to grow in confidence with reading, they are bound to make a few mistakes. Praise your child for the words they get right. It works wonders!

#### NUMERACY

The children will consolidate numbers within 10. We will be looking at missing numbers, sequencing, ordering numbers within 10. We will be using language associated with time and will progress to reading **o'clock** times. Chat to your child about general concepts of time - morning, afternoon, evening. Talk about activities that happen at certain times of day e.g. "we eat breakfast in the morning" and "we go to sleep at night".

Why not incorporate story books with a time theme for your child. We are surrounded by digital clocks everywhere these days - on mobiles, computers, TVs, alarm clocks, but it's actually easier to learn to tell the time with an analogue clock rather than a digital one. Analogue clocks lend themselves to the better understanding of time because of the constantly moving hands.

### **SNACK**

£8 snack money for each child is due for the month of February, please.

### **PE**

After mid-term PE for P1 pupils will be on **Monday and Thursday**. This will commence on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, when we return to school, and run for the remainder of the term until the Easter holiday.

### **ABSENCE**

If your child is absent from school, parents must telephone the school to explain absence. Absence from school must be explained verbally or by note or letter, which can be provided upon return to school.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

We have had a few enquiries about sending in a birthday cake to celebrate a birthday in class, only a "Sainsbury's" nut free cake sealed in its original box can be permitted. This is to protect children who may have potentially life-threatening nut allergies.

### **SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME:**

- Make a valentine card for someone in your family.
- In PE lessons we are learning to use a ball in a variety of ways. Developing ball skills. Encourage your child to kick, roll, throw, catch and bounce a ball.
- Encourage your child to notice the clock at home. If your child has a digital clock in their room, it may be worth considering changing it for a traditional clock face or perhaps you could let them pick a new watch as an opportunity for them to engage with their new challenge!

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Mid-term break:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> **No School.**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - **Return to school.**

### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH AHEAD....**

*Spread love everywhere you go.*

*Let no one ever come to you  
without leaving happier.*

**Mother Teresa**