



4th Class Staff

Rm 29 The Lilacs	Mr Conor McGlinchey
Rm 30 The Hollies	Ms Celine Scully
Rm 31 The Lillies	Ms Eithne Hourihane
S.E.T :	Mr Peter O'Toole

Tracksuit Days

Rm 29: Mondays and Thursday
Rm 30: Thursday & Friday
Rm 31: Wednesday & Friday

SPHE:

Stay Safe programme has been revised this year. RSE will be taught in the second term of the school year.



Homework in 4th Class

Homework is intended to be a consolidation of work taught in class earlier in the day. We are assigning minimal homework this year to reduce chances of cross-contamination of materials between school and home and also to avoid causing undue stress. Homework should not take more than 30 minutes, if the children concentrate. Children may have:

- Multiplication tables which need to be learned
- Some written Maths questions
- Irish Reading
- English Reading
- Small projects

Some assignments will be assigned using Google Classroom this year. This is in order for children to become more familiar with using this forum to upload work.



*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 4th Class Curriculum?

• **Long Multiplication:**

A great emphasis is put on long multiplication in 4th Class. We revise division and multiplication tables each day. We would like to strongly encourage you to ask your children tables orally each week in order to improve their maths skills.

• **Fractions:**

There is a big emphasis on fractions in the 4th Class Maths curriculum and some children find it difficult at times. We are restricted in terms of using concrete materials this year and so we will require your support with this topic.

• **Problem solving/Word Problems:**

There is a big emphasis on problem solving skills in the Maths Curriculum in 4th Class. These can pose difficulties for children, however, we will be practicing them regularly in the classroom.

• **Laptops:**

We have 30 laptops available for the children in 4th Class. We will be working on developing word processing and typing skills this year, We will also be completing some SESE projects and presenting these using Powerpoint and Google Slides during the year.



Spellings this year

Word Study is our approach to spellings. We use the 'Words Their Way' as a guide to find spelling patterns and classes explore how words are spelled rather than learning off for a test. A hardback copy is used to complete all Word Study activities.

In 4th class we use pencils until we earn a pen license from the teacher.

Parent Teacher Meetings
 Meetings are likely to take place in Term 1, dates to follow.

Literacy

Children will continue to bring home Oxford readers this year. Please complete a few minutes out loud reading each evening and ask a few questions!! Mr. O'Toole is supporting classes with Guided Reading sessions. The Oxford Readers are used in these lessons.

Novels this year:

- The Deep Dark Wood
- Kensuke's Kingdom
- Under the Hawthorn Tree



Our class reward system

In 4th class, we use table ticks/raffle tickets to reward the children for good behaviour. The group with the most ticks Friday afternoon and they receive a prize/comfy cushion pass/homework pass.

School website

Some of the children's work will be posted on the website throughout the year.

www.snu.ie



Photos

Each class teacher has their own school camera which will be used to take pictures of the children engaging in different school activities. Some of these photos may be uploaded to the school blog.

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

Other Information

- 1. Project work:** The children will be completing various projects in S.E.S.E this year.
- 2. Music with Dom:** The children will have music lessons with Dom for an eight week block. To be confirmed later in the year.
- 3. Rugby with Seb:** Coach Seb from Newbridge RFC is coaching the kids for 5 weeks (Tuesdays) in term 1.
- 4. Importance of tables for fractions:** Please practice tables regularly with your children.
- 5. Comprehension in reading:** Please encourage your child to engage more with their readers e.g questioning, predicting.
- 6. RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) :** This programme will be completed in second term 2024
- 7. Anti bullying week:** Will be completed at the start of every term.
- 8. Yard procedures :** Yard incidents will be monitored and recorded into the yard folder. Five yard incidents equals one detention. This is one break spent in a separate part of the yard.

Contact Us

Please arrange to speak with any of us through the office. .

Any smaller messages can be also given through the office or we can ring you after teaching times.

**We look forward to a
great school year
2023-2024 in Scoil na
Naomh Uilig**