

Year 1 - Week Commencing 3rd September 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all parents and carers. If I have not met you already, please do take the time to stop at the door and say hello as I would really like to get to know parents of all the children in class.

I am thrilled to be teaching your children in Year 1 this year and I am really looking forward to all the fun and exciting learning which will be taking place in class - I hope the children are looking forward to the new school year also.

During the course of the first couple of weeks of term, I will be sending home reading records, spelling records and other information relating to homework and home-links. I don't want to overwhelm the children with too much information too soon, as I am aware that the transition from Foundation Stage into Key Stage 1 can be challenging and daunting for many.

We have a very strong teaching team in Class 1 and I am delighted to be working alongside Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Greenwood, each of whom have a wealth of experience of working in the infants.

If you have any questions about Class 1, or if there is anything you feel we need to know about your child, please feel free to speak to myself or either of the other staff members.

Thank you.

Colum Grogan



Learning

In future weekly newsletters I will give you more information about each of the curriculum areas which we will be teaching and also details about spellings lists and phonics learning.

This week, we intend to spend plenty of time getting to know your children and allowing them time to settle in to a new classroom and a new routine.

We will be introducing our topic for this half term - called 'Penguins, Possums and Pigs' - which is a lovely way to start year 1 as it's a study of lots of different animals from around the world. We will be basing much of the learning, particularly in English, on the stories of Oliver Jeffers, particularly his lovely book, Lost and Found. I am sure this will become a firm favourite of all the children.

Extras

This term, PE will be on Monday and Friday afternoons - Monday with myself or Mrs. Mackie and Friday with our sports coach, Phil. Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school all the time - if in doubt about what is required, please speak to Mrs. Thompson in the office.

There will be 4 afternoons each week when I will not be in class as I have to carry out extra duties as Deputy Head. In my absence, the class will be taught by Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Greenwood.