



Year 1 April Newsletter 2020



Our Class Motto is:
“Have a go!”



April Birthdays!



We have no children in Year 1, celebrating their birthday this month!

Year 1 Topic Work

- Easter
- Spring
- Using Money (up to 10p)
- Focus on our monthly value of ‘Love.’
- Develop skills in Thinking, Problem Solving and Decision Making’.

Literacy and Sound Work

- Develop blending skills.
- Word - building on all sounds a - z covered.
- Recognise items containing the sound ‘sh’, ‘ch’ and ‘th’.

Numeracy

- Adding 2 sets of objects up to 10.
- Develop mental maths strategies when counting within 20.
- Developing language related to ‘Capacity’, ‘Patterns’, ‘Shape’ and ‘Data Handling’.

How you can help at home

- Help your child complete one Maths activity and one Literacy activity per day.
- Create a sound scrap-

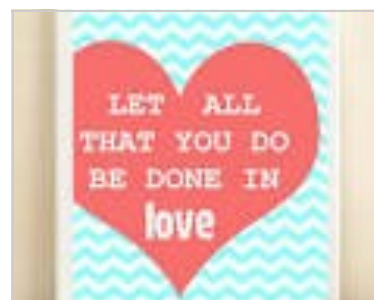
book using old magazines/catalogues. Cut out pictures of objects beginning with all 26 sounds. Include ‘th’, ‘ch’, ‘sh’ pictures.

- Play I spy focusing on the sounds above - eg; thin, ship, chair.
- Talk about Lent. Set up a prayer corner at home. Put a Trocaire box in your prayer corner and remind the children about the importance of giving to Trocaire during Lent. Encourage your child to keep their ‘**Lenten promise**’.
- Please continue to practise correct number and sound formations.
- We would love some sign of Spring weather! Go for a Spring walk with your child. Can your child identify the signs of Spring? Carry out a Spring Scavenger Hunt!
- Allow for some chore time.
- Cook/bake together –a lot of homeschool Maths is done in the kitchen
- Be gentle with your child (ren) and yourselves. If it gets frustrating, walk away. Come back to it when you are both in a better frame of mind.

I hope and pray that both you and your families are all keeping well and staying safe. This month’s Newsletter is a guide to you, with some suggestions for home learning. During these uncertain, worrying times, try not to put too much pressure on yourself or your child to stick to a strict daily timetable to complete ‘written’ activities.

Try and include at least 1 hour outside. Fresh air and sun (fingers crossed we get more!), is good for the immune system.

Do not underestimate the power of simply enjoying a story together!



Suggested apps/websites

- Reading eggs & Mathseeds- 30 Days Free Access
- Soundwrite app
- www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
- www.nessy.com
- www.activityvillage.co.uk
- www.twinkl.co.uk
- www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- www.spellingshed.com
- www.mathshed.com
- www.growinlove.ie
- Cosmic Yoga - youtube
- Go Noodle– youtube