

**St. Mary’s Primary School**

**Killyclogher**

**Year 6 Sept/Oct 2016**

**ICT**

Children will use a spreadsheet to complete the 2-12 Times Tables. Research the life of author Michael Morpurgo. Create a book cover using Publisher. Create and interrogate a database on trees.

**What should I do if my child is having a problem?**

* Contact class teacher by note /phone.
* Contact School / Principal
* Parents can maintain contact with the teacher through the homework diary or arrange an appointment through the office staff.
* All queries will be responded to promptly.

**How To Help Your Child**

* Be Positive and encourage your child by showing an interest in their work.
* Praise always helps, at any age.
* Listen to your child reading aloud–talk about the story and meanings of any difficult words phrases etc. sign and comment in the Reading Record.
* Practice mental maths skills with pupils at all opportunities - E.g. Tables games, fast recall of number facts, rounding prices when shopping, calculating totals and change.
* Help pupils to research topics through search engines. reference books, visiting the Library and sharing personal experiences.

**Numeracy**

**Mental Maths*:*** Quick recall of number facts, addition and subtraction, number bonds, multiplication and division.

**Number:**Count, read, write and order numbers to 1 million. Know and use multiplication facts in solving problems. Round numbers to the nearest 10 & 100 1000

Use a calculator. Be introduced to Factors, Multiples, Prime and Square Numbers.

**Money:** Use the four operations to solve problems. Be able to plan and think ahead in terms of saving and spending money, discuss foreign currency including the Euro.

**Data Handling:** Collect, classify and record data using Spreadsheets and tree and venn Diagrams,

**Topics**

All Topics are cross curricular to enable pupils to connect their learning.

September/October **Our Locality**

**Literacy**

**Reading**: Pupils will read and discuss Home Reading books and Guided Reading books in class.

The Class Novel is: The Wreck of The Zanzibar. Accelerated Reading books will be available from class library and resource area. Silent Reading will be encouraged every day.

**Grammar:** Pupils will focus on: Punctuation, parts of speech, common and proper nouns, adjectives and verbs.

Pupils will be encouraged to read and understand fiction and non-fiction texts.

**Writing:** Book Blurbs, Story Openings and Narrative Writing.

**Handwriting:** Pupils will focus on developing a legible and swift style of joined writing, presenting good layout and evaluating their work.

**Key Events / Dates**

Monday 26th September School Closed (Teacher Training).

Thurs 6th and Friday 7th October School Photographs.

Mon 17th – Friday 21st October Book Fair Week

After school activity Year 6 Sept/Oct Netball

**Homework**

Homework activities will be written on the board and pupils will record their homework in HW notebook, where parents and teachers can write any notes/concerns.

Reading Record to be maintained each week - parental contribution welcome.

Spellings/Tables Mon to Thurs. for assessments on Fri.