



St. Conor's P.S.

Year 2 Curriculum Overview



LANGUAGE and LITERACY

Language and Literacy planned for in a holistic way, taking account of the integral nature of the areas of Talking and Listening, Reading and Writing which extend across all areas of the curriculum. (*NI Primary Curriculum*)

By the end of Year 2

Children will be able to:

Speaking and Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• be confident in expressing their opinions and ideas.• speak clearly and fluently while also listening to and appreciating the views of others.• express themselves openly through show and tell activities, role play, assemblies and school plays.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• write and practise our hand writing skills.• use a range of medium to help develop upper and lower case letters during structured play.• have lots of writing practice across the curriculum• use a capital letter and a full stop when writing a sentence.• play many practical games to help with our sounds, letter recognition and HFW to use in our writing.• Our aim is for the children to become more independent writers.
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a range of strategies to help the children decode and read more independently and fluently.• enjoy exploring and reading a variety of text.• read from a variety of sources including take home class library books, use of the school library and visits to the town library.

MATHEMATICS and NUMERACY

Numeracy is the development and application of mathematics across the curriculum and in real life situations. Mathematical ideas are introduced to children in meaningful contexts. Processes in Mathematics are planned to involve children in using and applying mathematics in practical tasks, real-life problems and within Mathematics itself. *(NI Primary Curriculum)*

By the end of Year 2

Children will be able to:

Processes in maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Communicate, make connections estimate and problem solve to develop their mathematical understanding through real life situations.
Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Count, read and write numbers to 20 then 100.Know addition and subtraction facts within 10 mentally.Use the language of addition and subtraction in simple word problems.
Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop the language of Length, Weight, Volume and Capacity. They will use non-standard units to investigate measures and see the need for a standard unit of measurement in each area.Develop an awareness of the passing of time and learn to tell the o'clock and half past times on the clock face.Recognise and use coins within 50p to make and total amounts.
Shape and Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Name and sort some 2D and 3D shapes and develop the language of some simple properties of these shapes.Develop positional language.
Handling Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interpret information from simple pictograms and /or bar graphs.

WORLD AROUND US

Children are naturally curious and often ask profound questions about themselves and the nature of the world around us. The purpose of this Area of Learning is to help children explore and find age appropriate answers to some of these big questions from the perspectives of geography, history and science and technology. *(NI Primary Curriculum)*



In Year 2, children have opportunities to explore through the topics of

- Back to school
- Halloween
- Night and Day
- Christmas
- Polar Regions
- The Farm in Spring
- People Who Help Us in the Community
- Transport & Travel
- Summer

Educational Visits are planned to support teaching and learning and are connected to current events in the world around us.

THE ARTS



Creativity is developed through every area of the curriculum. Art and Design, Drama and Music provide rich opportunities for developing creativity, allowing children to express their ideas, feelings and interpretations of the world in diverse ways, through pictures, sound, drama and dance. *(NI Primary Curriculum)*

PDMU



Personal Development and Mutual Understanding focuses on encouraging each child to become personally, emotionally, socially effective, to lead healthy, safe and fulfilled lives and to become confident, independent and responsible citizens, making informed and responsible choices and decisions throughout their lives. *(NI Primary Curriculum)*

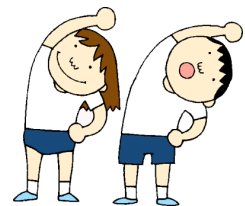
PE

Through a broad and balanced Physical Education programme, children should develop their knowledge, understanding and skills, enabling them to participate and perform competently and confidently in a range of physical activities. All children should experience a sense of fun, enjoyment and achievement through a variety of progressively challenging and innovative activities. *(NI Primary Curriculum)*

In Year 2, children have opportunities to participate in

- Gymnastics
- Athletics
- Dance
- Games
- Swimming

The school's extra-curricular programme provides opportunities for all children to extend and develop skills and interests acquired during the Physical Education programme.



RELIGION

Children in Year 2 follow the Grow in Love Religious Education programme. Children learn about God through stories, poems, art, drama and music activities. Children have opportunities to participate in

- Class and whole school assemblies
- Liturgical Events E.g. Ash Wednesday, Stations of the Cross

