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CLASS: _____ **TEACHER:** _____

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	
ENGLISH	
GAEILGE	
OTHER	
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CLASS: Senior Infants TEACHER: Miss Donlon

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	<p>Ready Set Maths programme</p> <p>Counting: Counting to 20. Counting on – eg $3+ \quad =9$ <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Number recognition: number before and after to 15/20</p> <p>Patterns/Relationships: Addition of number within 10</p> <p>Understanding of number: Add in my head mental maths and using counters. Partitioning of numbers 6,7,8,9</p> <p>Other Maths strands: Time/Data/Capacity</p>
ENGLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift off to literacy programme: Reading new and familiar books, sounds good phonics, writing strategies • Handwriting- Letter formation-revision of z,v,y,x. Blending sounds-ee,ie,ou,oiue,er, revision:sh/th/ch • Writing: Writing stories, Write and draw-The polar bear/A visit to the dentist • First steps programme • Writing- Recount writing Oral Language- Winter and associated vocabulary/The Arctic/Clothes/People who help us • Poetry and Rhyme : Revision of nursery rhymes • Poetry: January/A chubby little snowman/Little Polar bear/The Dolls/I dream I am • Story- The Emperor's new clothes/Selection of winter stories/First experiences- Going to the dentist
GAEILGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bua na Cainte Programme • Themes: Aimsir/Sa bhaile/ An teilifis • Rann /Amhrain: Cad ata sa chofra?/Briste gorm/ Ta an la fuar inniu/Cuigear fear ag togail ti/Ta ferim ag an bhfeirmeoir
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music generation programme/ Drama- visiting teachers • SESE- topics covered: Weather/Winter/ The school garden in winter/Sowing seeds/Weather and Clothes/The Arctic/Waterproof materials/People who help us/The Dentist • PE- Creative dance, Games, yoga , • Visual Arts-Construction- Igloos from various blocks and materials/Crafts- Valentines Card, Vietnamese new year lanterns/Snowman picture/Drawing-Drawing various lines to make designs/Paint and colour: Painting clothes previously designed • SPHE: Circle time-taking care of myself and my body, Mighty Mouth programme : Caring for my teeth, Tooth friendly foods, how to brush my teeth, visiting the dentist, people who keep us safe
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CLASS: 2nd class **TEACHER:** Ms. Healy

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision from term 1: Addition / Subtraction / Time / Fractions • Exploration of tables '-1 to -8' • Oral Maths and counting including identification and ordering of numbers • Introduction of money: ... identifying coins, sorting coins into correct values up to £1, shopping: counting out values plus giving change (Using real coins) • Introduction of subtraction (renaming): ...Rule 1: 'We must always take away from the bigger number' e.g. 6-3=3 / 3-6=Impossible
ENGLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift off to Literacy four days a week (Reading, letter/word work, writing) • First steps writing: Narrative writing (Title, characters, setting (Where is the story?), when, plot (What happens in the story?), ending). Children started typing their narrative writing also • Continuation of capital letters, (Start of sentences / names / days / months / places / 'I' on its own) full stops, finger spaces and sentences making sense • Emphasis on comprehension (Better English book) • Emphasis on spellings (Better English lists 14-20) plus differentiated word patterns and grammar • Free writing plus independent writing about birds (Linking SESE)
GAEILGE	<p>Bun go Barr2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocáidí Speisialta (Cén aois tú? Tá mé seacht / ocht mbliana d'aois. , Lá Breithe Shona Duit, Inniu mo lá breithe!) (Dán: Séimí) • Mé Fein (Ag lámhacán, ag caoineadh ag gáire, ag ól, ag ithe, ag plubaireacht, An féidir leat.....? Is/ Ní féidir liom.....) • Bia (An maith leat? Is / Ní maith liom.... , An fearr leat? Is/ Ní fearr liom.... ,liosta bia) (Dán: Cinnín Óir) <p>Fuaimeanna agus Focail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litriú: á agus a, -ia, o agus a, ag súgradh, ó agus a, -éa,
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploration of 'Birds', 'Teeth' and 'Life in the 1960's' through SESE • Emphasis on 'St. Brigid' through mass, stories, songs and art • Exploration of 'Gymnastics' and 'Yoga' in P.E • Music and Drama with visiting teachers (Every week) • Group day every Thursday including knitting /art / computers • Whole class baking for 'Valentine's Day' • Preparation for 'Music in the classroom' and 'First Confession'
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CLASS: 5th

TEACHER: Ms Cheevers

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	<p>Mental Maths Weeks 11-16 Tables Champion Weeks 7-12 Division – Long division Fractions – simplifying fractions, equivalent fractions Lines and Angles – types of angles, triangles, measuring angles Number review – add/subtract/mult/divide Midterm assessment test</p>
ENGLISH	<p>Oral Language: News2Day; Segregation in the United States; Present Jamaica projects; Bats (Wicklow Mountains National Park); Chalkline – the story of a boy soldier – comparing lives and cultures; Can you predict the events of the story from the title <i>The Strange Peach</i>? Story of a Thousand Cranes Reading: FICTION: Bella and the Bear, The Virtual Rainforest, Building the Wall, The Runty Pig, The Strange Peach. NON-FICTION: A DVD Cover, Polar Animals Writing: My Favourite TV Programme, The Kindest Person I Know, Narrative Writing – Cheung’s Story, Comprehension activities, Diary entry – Linda Brown, Chalkline – Sensory Chart & Clouds of Wonder, Compare your life with Rafiq’s Handwriting: continue to develop cursive writing style, writing in pen Spelling/Phonics: MSW Units 6-9, double consonant words, nouns, silent letters Grammar: English in Practice Activities Story: <i>Superfudge</i> by Judy Blume, <i>Chalkline</i> by Jane Mitchell Poem: <i>Stopping by Woods</i> by Robert Frost</p>
GAEILGE	<p>Léitheoireacht: Ar Maidin, Ag dul ar Scoil, Lapaí Bocht, Smeara Dubha, An Gadaí, Múinteoir Nua, Úlla Deasa Éisteacht: Cómhrá sa Ranga, Cartún ar TG4, An Gadaí, Múinteoir Nua, Úlla Deasa Scríbhneoireacht: An Nuacht, F & F Aonad 4-6, Líon na bearnaí, Críochnaigh na habairtí, <i>ar an mbealach, Féach ar..., Cé a bhí..., Bhí mé i dtrioblóid mar...</i></p>

	<p>Labhairt: Ceistfhocail (Cad, Cá, Cén...), An Nuacht, Cómhrá faoi postaer agus pictiúir, Ar Maidin, Ag dul ar Scoil, Lapaí Bocht, Caint is Comhrá ar Scoil</p> <p>Fuaimneanna aus Focail: u agus ú, i agus í, Seomra codlata, dul siar (revision)</p> <p>Cluiche Bingo, Gaeilge le Chéile</p>
OTHER	<p>SESE: The Digestive System, Counties & Towns of Ireland, Using an Atlas, Map Symbols & Grid References, Young History Makers, Story of Marco Polo, Land and Water in Ireland (Rivers, Lakes & Bays)</p> <p>Project Work: - Jamaica</p> <p>Art: Perspective, Listen and Respond – Three Little Birds, St Brigids Crosses, “Do you see what I see?” Origami – Paper Cranes</p> <p>SPHE: Circle Time, Safety at Sea & the RNLI, Cyber-bullying talk with Gardaí Pat & John, Healthy Mind & Healthy Body</p> <p>PE: Group & Cooperative Games, Football, Movement in Games (Hopping, Jumping)</p> <p>Religion: The Feast of the Epiphany, St Brigid, Moses and the Israelites flee from Egypt, The Ten Commandments,</p> <p>Music – Music Generation choir, Tin Whistle</p>
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SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental maths- times tables 1-5, counting in 2's, 3's,4's, 5's and halves. • Data • Fractions • Multiplication and division • Length • 2D shapes and lines
ENGLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading- differentiated groups –novel work • Reading & Comprehension: Skimming and scanning, Re-reading, Predicting, Making connections, Creating Images • Writing: Narrative, procedure and free writing, writing full answers, detailed sentences., editing and rereading., creating a cookbook. • Grammar: Adjectives, speech marks, grammar sheets, contractions, verbs and tenses • Spellings: My Spelling workbook unit 15-18
GAEILGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mé Féin • Bia • Dul siar • Sa bhaile • Teilifís • Uimhreacha 1-100
OTHER	<p>SESE- Africa, Vikings, Games in the past, rocks and soils, food and farming, lungs, heart</p> <p>PE – Athletics and Swimming</p> <p>Art- Van Gogh – Painting</p> <p>SPHE- Circle time and</p> <p>Music- Tin whistle</p> <p>Drama- Drama teacher weekly</p>
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CLASS: Rang a 4

TEACHER: Mr Keddy

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tables multiply/divide by 8,9,10 and revision of all. • Mental Maths • Decimals: place value to two decimal points • Decimals: adding/subtraction/multiply/division • Money: € to c's vice versa. Written problems.
ENGLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehension: Three Fables, 6 Blind Men & Elephant, A New Home, Mt.Everest, The Viking at Drumshee • "Terrifying Tornado", "Vikings" – (Narrative & Explanation) • Grammar: Nouns, Verbs, to/too/two, there/their/they're • Oral Language: expanding vocabulary/SESE topics • SWB: unit 8-10
GAEILGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bun go Barr chapter 9/11/12 • Vocabulary: food, school, weather & animals • F&F chapter 11/12 • Our news e.g. plans for the day, weather, matches, • Time: today/yesterday/tomorrow/last night/afternoon/tonight/after school/before school
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vikings: houses, lifestyle, Brian Boru, monasteries etc. • Map work: Counties, Provinces and Mountains of Ireland • Weather: tornados, temperatures, Beaufort Scale • Bogs: formation, location, animals & plants, Céide Fields • Energy: fossil fuels & damage to environment, solar/wind/hydro power, Industrial Revolution
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CLASS: Sixth TEACHER: Ms Hegarty

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	Fractions-divide by a whole number, ratios. Length-units of measurement in the environment, adding, subtracting and multiplying and dividing involving length Time-am, pm, adding and subtracting hours and minutes, calculating journey times, time zones Tables Champion
ENGLISH	Reading comprehension activities Spellings: Narrative writing Dictionary activities Grammar: verbs-past, present, future, past and present participle Various oral language, reading and writing activities involving Junior Entrepreneur Programme – entrepreneurs, their skills, developing a business plan, planning a business pitch Presentation in groups of business idea ‘Dragons Den’ style News – watch children’s news on RTE and provide written summary
GAEILGE	An Aimsir – c6mhr6 beirte faoi aimsir an lae Ar scoil – Turas scoile An Teilif6s: cl6r teilif6ise 6ags6la, sceideal

	teilifíse, Is maith liom bheith ag féachaint ar...
OTHER	<p>Junior Entrepreneur Programme – working in groups to develop a business idea. Looking at roles in a business, examining entrepreneurial skills in the class, assigning roles in each group, presenting group idea to local business people in a Dragons Den style presentation</p> <p>History: Ireland 1900-1923 The road to independence, 1916 Rising</p> <p>Geography: Ordinance Survey Maps- examining and reading.</p> <p>PE: Athletics: Running, sprinting, jogging. Soccer</p> <p>Science: The blood system, blood components. Chemical reactions</p> <p>SPHE: Positive mental health – definition, how to maintain, presentation and discussion by HSE psychologist</p>
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CLASS: 1st Class TEACHER: Miss Nolan

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MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions- halves • Money – counting money up to 1euro, giving change. • Addition without renaming • Tens and units • Subtraction without renaming. • Addition with renaming
ENGLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral: Retelling Stories • Reading; Sunny Street Story Books. • Comprehension Exercises- predicting and skimming and scanning. • Writing: Narrative & Procedure. • Grammar: Capital letters and full stops, sentence structure.
GAEILGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sa Bhaile • An Teilifís • Mé Féin • Ag Dul Siar • Ar Scoil
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE: Aquatics, Gymnastics, Games • S.E.S.E: Toys, Clothes, Wind, Fire, • Music: Listening and responding, song singing. • Art: drawing, painting, craft making.
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CLASS: _____3rd Class_____ TEACHER: _____Ms O' Connell

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MATHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental maths- times tables 1-5, counting in 2's, 3's,4's, 5's and halves. • Data – Creating Block Graphs • Fractions - • Multiplication and division • Length • 2D shapes and lines and Angles
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GAEILGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mé Féin • Bia • Dul siar • Sa bhaile • Teilifís
OTHER	<p>SESE- Group Projects on Spain and the Vikings, History of Transport – focus on Leixlip: the building of roads and canals. Mountains in Ireland. The skeleton, muscles, the heart and the Skin.</p> <p>PE – Athletics and Swimming</p> <p>Art- Texaco Art, Constructing and drawing Viking ships</p> <p>Music- Tin whistle</p> <p>Drama- Drama – Focus on life in Africa & the legend 'The children of Lir'</p>
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CLASS: Junior Infants TEACHER: Ms. Egan

SUBJECT	TOPICS COVERED
MATHS	Understanding number – ordering numerals, creating sets of numbers, comparing sets Relationships – devise a pattern; partitioning within 5 Writing numerals 1-5 Counting 0-10 forwards and backwards Measures: Weight, Time – days, months, seasons.
ENGLISH	Oral Language: Owls, news, creating a story based on a picture, Spring, farming, feelings. Writing: CVC words, letter formation: g, q, e, s, f, l, l, t, r, m, n, h, b Phonics - reviewing all sounds, re-teaching sounds teaching letter formation Daily read aloud Owl babies
GAEILGE	An aimsir Éadaí
OTHER	<u>SPHE:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circle time • Stay safe – bullying, strangers, good secrets and bad secrets <u>SESE:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees • St. Brigid • Families. • Farm animals • Seasons Music Generation Yoga and gymnastics
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