

School Plans 2016/17

2016/17 is the third academic year of our three year School Development Plan which was constructed in 2014. The Govenors and staff hope the plans reflect the view of the whole school community and meet the individual and collective needs of the children.

In Literacy, last year we concentrated on developing children's ability to communicate in a grammatically correct manner, both verbally and in writing. We also attempted to give the children greater experience in writing for different purposes (eg a letter of inquiry, a letter of explanation, a descriptive piece, a mood setting letter and a thank you letter). We intend to further develop these aspects this year with an emphasis on giving wider experiences in preparing and delivering talks to audiences in order to develop confidence and competence.

Throughout the year, particularly with the older classes, we will continue to celebrate the Ulster dialect and vocabulary specific to our country.

In Maths we will focus on developing children's mental maths strategies and plan activities for children to practise and improve their flexibility of mathematical thought.

We believe we have strong systems in place to ensure teacher views, coupled with a range of numeracy and literacy and attitudinal standardised tests, are used to identify which individual children could achieve more in communication and/or maths. When this happens, plans will be devised and shared with individual parents

We are pleased that Iveagh is to benefit from a new Nursery Unit in 2016/17. Plans are in place to eventually replace the current primary building with a new construction on the current football pitch with all of the classrooms opening up on to a view of the Mourne. A public consultation will be held in Iveagh on 29th September 4pm-6pm, when the community can meet the EA Architectural Team and view plans.

Although the children's academic standards and achievements were described by the Inspectorate as 'outstanding' we are not complacent and have many plans to further improve the curricular and resource provision at Iveagh.

I genuinely want the education process to be a cooperative one where parents feel involved.

If you have any comments or queries at all, please speak to me as early as possible.

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