



# Year 1 February Newsletter



**Our Class Motto is:**  
*“Have a go!”*



Our Thinking Skill and Personal Capability focus this month is 'Self - Management'. This involves encouraging our children to do things for themselves and **think more** for themselves. This is a life skill but needs to be taught at this early stage at school and at home. Therefore, promoting **independence** and giving our children a sense of responsibility and achievement!

Our **Class Motto** highlights this personal capability every day and the children are regularly encouraged to carry out daily routines independently. Please encourage this with your child at home. Some examples for you;

- Good habits of washing hands after using the toilet,
- Have they got their homework books in their bag on a Friday? Let them check and find it themselves if it's not!
- Encourage your child to get dressed independently.
- Can your child peel their own



orange skin?

## Year 1 Topic Work

- Houses and Homes.
- Money (up to 10p)
- Time ( o'clock)
- Focus on our monthly value of 'Forgiveness'.
- Promoting more independence around the classroom.

## Literacy and Sound Work

- Develop blending skills.
- Word - building on all sounds covered so far.
- Recognise items beginning with the sounds 'z, x, y and qu'.
- Early reading skills of simple key words.
- Retelling familiar stories in their own words aloud to the class.

## Number

- Counting orally to 20.
- Sequence the numbers to 10 counting on and back from 0.
- Finding the missing number on the number line 0 - 10.

## Golden Time

Just a reminder that toys are no longer permitted to be brought into school on a Friday for Golden Time.

## Feis Thir Eoghain

If you have entered your child for the feis poem, a copy of the poem will be sent home shortly. Please practise the poem with your child at home. The Poetry, Prose and Drama section of the feis is running from **23th April - 28th April**. Entry cards will be sent home once we have them, with the exact time and date on them. Parents are asked to take their child to the competition in Omagh, collecting them from school. Please think about travel arrangements nearer the time.

## Thought for the month!

It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.

Ann Landers

## February Birthdays!



There are no Year 1 birthdays in February.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Warm Congratulations to Carmel and Ciaran O'Hagan on the recent birth of their baby daughter, Fianna! Lucy has been so excited telling her teacher and friends all about her important jobs as the 'big sister!'*

