

## Attendance

- Please make an extra effort to have your child in school for 8.45am.
- Remember every day in school counts!
- Your child will always be warmly greeted by TPS Staff.
- Class rewards for punctuality and attendance.
- Wake Up, Shake Up & Disco Fridays to encourage attendance.
- Parent Programmes and classes in the school
- School activities, for eg Choir, After Schools Clubs, Gardening Club, Creative Schools Activities, Coding Club, Soccer, Rugby, Basketball, inter schools competitions and lots lots more throughout the year.

## Partnership with parents and others

- We are very proud of having a good relationship with many groups associated with the school and we will be working on strengthening these links.
- Laura, our HSCL, will work with community groups and parents and will link in with parents about the many parent classes/ activities that she has planned for 2023 2024

# Thomond Primary School School Improvement Plan 2023/2024

Our school has created a School Improvement Plan.

We have devised this plan in order to build on our strengths and work on ways to improve.

We are delighted that the end of year results have shown improvements in both literacy and numeracy and we will continue to work hard as a school community to provide the best possible learning environment for your children.

Following consultation between the Board of Management, teachers, management team, pupils and parents, Thomond Primary School has prioritised the following areas for 2023/2024.

We appreciate your support in helping us make TPS a safe, happy and a great place to learn.



## Literacy

- All children from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be in small groups for literacy and/or language support.
- The New Primary Language Curriculum will be implemented for all classes Juniors to 6th .
- We will focus on developing children's listening, oral communication and vocabulary using the Starlight, TalkBoost & Listening To Learn Programme. School will adopt a new programme called Vocabulary Acquisition Programme to support language development.
- We will focus on developing phonological awareness skills alongside decoding skills (Sounds Make Words in Junior Infants, Jolly Phonics, and Words their Way Spelling Programme from 3rd to 6th)
- Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure.
- ◊ Promotion of reading throughout school, visits to local library, buddy system with senior classes & implement DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Daily
- Writing - We will be encouraging and helping your child to write in different genres of writing– Narrative / Procedure / Explanation and to make writing more real for your child.
- We will focus on the development of Poetry for all classes & Nursery Rhymes for infants to support language, grammar and phonological awareness skills
- We will focus on development of correct grip, postural control, and letter formation
- ◊ Precursive writing will be implemented in junior Classes
- ◊ Cursive writing will be fully implemented from 3rd

## Numeracy

- All children from Senior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> will be divided up into small groups for maths.
- We will continue to work on Number in all classes and help your child to develop a good number sense
- Problem-solving skills will be developed through games, puzzles, robotics and coding appropriate to the class level, e.g., Beebots, Lego WeDo, Micro:Bits or Vex Robotics and Problem-solving activities to be included in each strand of the maths curriculum
- Problem of the Day/Week in all classes
- Maths 4 Fun will resume along with the in-school buddy system, where senior classes will mentor and support younger classes with coding and problem solving.
- Games will be a regular feature to motivate and engage pupils.
- Number rhymes to support numeral formation in younger classes.
- All classes will do problem solving using computer programmes
- Maths language will be a focus in all teachers planning with a focus on this in teaching.