



CBS Thurles

Literacy and Numeracy Information for Parents Initiatives & Supporting you son at home

Literacy

- ✓ This year's main literacy initiative will be to improve grammar and punctuation use across the school.
- ✓ We encourage all students to take higher level English.
- ✓ Keywords for all subjects are displayed in every English classroom.
- ✓ Paired Reading is provided for students who need extra support in the area of literacy.
- ✓ Analog clocks are located in all classrooms.
- ✓ Literacy Week is celebrated with a variety of activities such as Drop Everything And Read, quizzes, competitions and movie screenings.
- ✓ Encourage your child to join the local library such as the Source Library.
- ✓ Encourage all types of reading and try to provide newspapers, magazines and books for your child to read at home (you might like to provide some material based on their areas of interest or hobbies e.g. football magazines).
- ✓ Encourage your child to use a dictionary or thesaurus whether online or in book format.
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Numeracy

- ✓ This year's main numeracy initiative will be to develop students' mental arithmetic.
- ✓ All test results are returned in fraction form and students are required to calculate their own percentages.
- ✓ Keywords for each topic are displayed in every Maths classroom.
- ✓ Maths dictionaries are accessible in all Maths classrooms.
- ✓ Timelines for each semester are displayed in every Maths classroom.
- ✓ Maths puzzles and teasers are displayed around the school.
- ✓ Maths week is celebrated with a variety of activities such as Maths table quizzes, drop everything and Sudoku, Maths puzzle of the week with prizes for the winners and a 1st year Maths treasure hunt. Use your child's interests or hobbies to raise awareness of numeracy e.g. (measuring pitch size, league tables, keeping score etc.)
- ✓ To enhance time-keeping skills, encourage your child to keep a timetable for activities, school, homework etc.
- ✓ Encourage numeracy related activities such as Sudoku, online numeracy games, etc
- ✓ Have a calculator in the home and encourage your child to use it for working out every-day numeracy questions.

