

## St John's Primary School, Hamilton

How do we ensure quality learning through play at early and into first level?

### Our Rationale

At St John's Primary we strive to ensure that every child should experience the experiences and outcomes across all curricular areas to develop knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which will enable them to become effective contributors to society. Our curriculum aims to develop key skills for Life, Learning and Work. At the centre of all that we do is high quality teaching and learning which is engaging and active. Staff and pupils set challenging goals and there is a shared high expectation of all.

### Our Vision and Values

In our school community we work together as a team to develop our children as successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens by providing a safe, friendly and inclusive environment for motivating and challenging learning experiences.

In order to achieve this vision we aim to provide high quality learning and teaching in all curricular areas to develop our children as competent and confident lifelong learners.

### Our Curriculum

We use a play based approach to tasks utilising activity time, teacher time and carousels. Our children all participate in daily active literacy tasks with direct teaching and support activities. Outdoor learning is built into our curriculum offering a wide range of learning opportunities for our children across all curricular areas. Active learning, topic time and Buddy Afternoons provide opportunities for children to further develop friendships across classes.



### HGIOS 4, Learning teaching and assessment

"...eager and active participants" "fully engaged, highly motivated..." "interact well..." "independent in their learning"  
"opportunities to lead their learning"

"successful, confident and responsible.." "a wide range of learning environments..." "promote curiosity, independence and confidence..."

### Impact

#### Staff note children demonstrate:

- increased confidence
- good negotiation skills
- raised perseverance
- good co-operation skills