









Culmore Primary School Development Plan for Children

With the ideas of the whole school community, governors, teachers, teaching assistants and pupils, our school has prioritised the areas below as key ideas that we want to make better this academic year

	What we want to make better:	What will happen to make this better:
	The progress that we make when we spell words in our writing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When we have written on our own for a special task, our teacher will show us what we have done well and how we could have made it better. ▪ We will know what to do next time to make it better. ▪ We will practise how to accurately spell a list of words every week. ▪ Our school will make short tutorials for the adults who help us at home, so that they understand what methods we use in our Literacy lesson.
	The progress that we make in our numeracy, so that we will know which skills to use to help us work out mathematical problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our school will make short tutorials for the adults who help us at home, so that they understand what methods we use in our numeracy lesson. ▪ We will be given more chances to use our new skills in practical and written activities. ▪ We will learn how to use strategies in mental maths which will help us to think faster.
	The way that we are ready to learn and behave both indoors and outdoors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We will be given the chance to take part in Mindfulness sessions/ use of “Movement Break Circuits” to help keep us calm and ready to work. ▪ We will know the school rules and make sure we stick to these indoors and outdoors. ▪ We will know that hard work and positive behaviour are rewarded in our school. ▪ We will carry out Whole Body Listening when the teacher is talking. ▪ We will get opportunities to learn in different ways and discuss our work with our friends too so that we can reflect on our learning and keep improving. ▪ We will sometimes get opportunities to work with another adult to boost our skills.
	The way that our ideas are listened to and how our ideas make changes happen in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Our School Council will meet every month, keeping us up-to-date with changes, sharing our own ideas and feeding back information from our teachers. ▪ Our School Council will show how things have changed and what we want changed in the future. ▪ The School Council fundraising budget will be spent on resources that we all want. ▪ We will get the chance to say what we think, without others knowing, through questionnaires. ▪ Our teachers will help us to look after our own well-being and will teach us skills using the PATHs programme.
	The important role we can play in our community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We will link up with other schools through our Shared Education work. ▪ We will get the chance to celebrate our talents with an audience through song, dance, Djembe drumming or even through taking part in competitions. ▪ We will take part in Church celebrations and help people less fortunate than us.
	The range of activities that we can choose from outside of school hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School will offer an even wider range of after-school clubs which will also include local visitors. ▪ School will offer an early arrival/ Breakfast Club so that I am ready to start my school day properly. ▪ We will be able to take part in local events and learn what our community is like and how this is different from other areas in Northern Ireland and abroad.