

Meet The Teacher

Maxwellton Primary School

P3





Welcome from the Teacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am

Ms Short and I will be teaching
Primary 3 this year.

**I am looking forward to working with
your children and getting to know
them really well.**

**I am sure we will have an enjoyable
and productive year.**





Settling In...



Your children have settled in very well to Primary 3.

They have come ready to learn and with a positive attitude.

They are enjoying being with their friends again after such a long break from school.





Class Covid Routines...



In Primary 3, we are washing our hands for 20 seconds at the following times:

- Coming into the class in the morning and after breaks.
- Before and after going to the toilet.
- Before and after eating at Fruit and Story Time.
- Before going home at 3 o'clock.
- After using paper hankies which are disposed of in a special pedal bin.



- Each child has a personal tray which contains all of the equipment they need for learning.
- I keep a 2 metre distance from the children whenever possible and wear a mask and visor if I have to work more closely with them for more than 15 minutes.
- We regularly discuss these routines to reinforce them and to keep everyone safe.
- I have been very impressed with the children's knowledge and ability to follow our Covid Routines. Let's keep safe together!



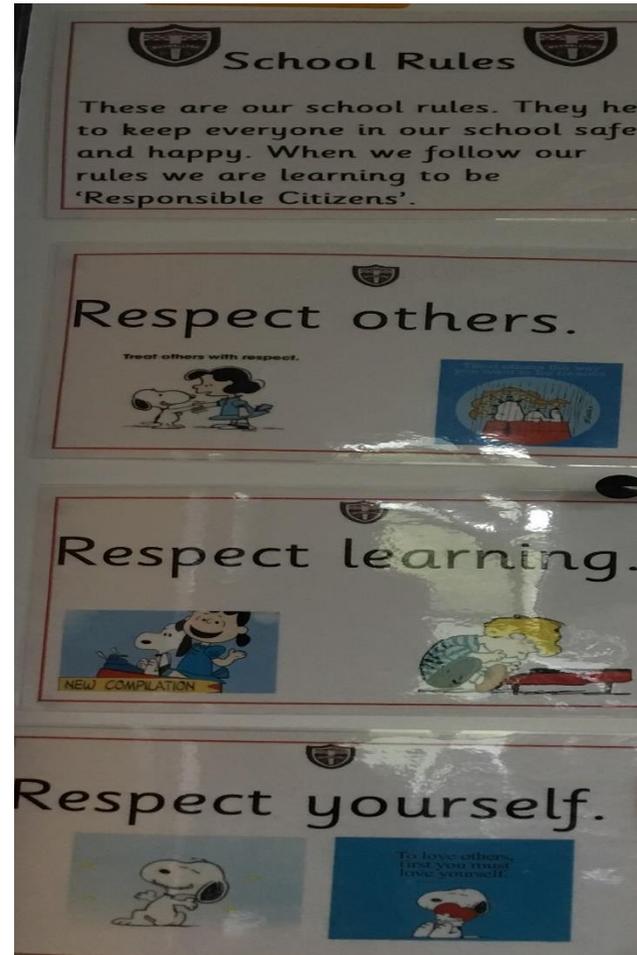


School & Class Rules



Our School Rules are:

- **Respect Others**
- **Respect Learning**
- **Respect Yourself**



Our Class Rules are:

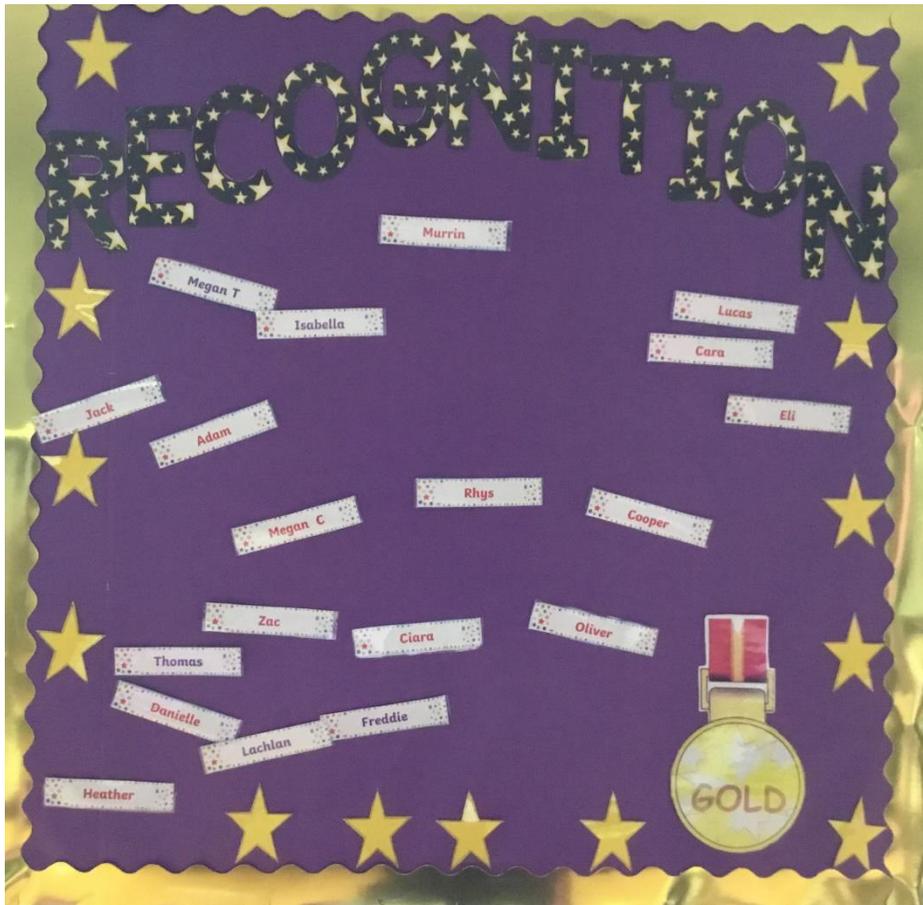
1. **Follow directions quickly.**
2. **Raise your hand for permission to speak.**
3. **Raise your hand for permission to leave your seat.**
4. **Make smart choices.**



Class Recognition Boards



Here is our 'Recognition Board.'



Recognition Board

- We recognise children's achievements in class by displaying their name on our recognition board.
- Sometimes we set a target together and when children achieve it, their name goes up.
- The targets can be related to Literacy, Numeracy or Health and Wellbeing.
- The children have 3 name cards and sometimes children are aiming to get all 3 of their name cards on the Recognition Board for example for remembering routines or demonstrating good manners.
- Recognition can be given for all sorts of things like good manners, effort, being able to recall some facts about a piece of learning, following school rules or kindness.
- We are trying out different ideas but basically it's all about recognising achievement whenever possible.
- The children's input will be very important as it is essential that they know what they are trying to achieve and are being 'recognised' for.
- The Recognition Board is a new addition to the class and I am looking forward to trying it out!



Literacy Focus

Here are some of the fiction books we have read at **Fruit and Story Time.**





Literacy Focus

Writing

- We are learning to spell words using new phonemes.
- We are learning to spell more difficult common words correctly.
- We are practising writing neatly and forming our letters correctly.
- We are learning about writing sentences using capital letters, full stops and question marks.
- We are planning and writing some personal pieces of writing and some poetry.

First, add the punctuation.

Make sure your sentence has all of the punctuation that it needs.
It could need capital letters, a full stop, a question mark or commas.

my mum went to the shop

becomes

My mum went to the shop.



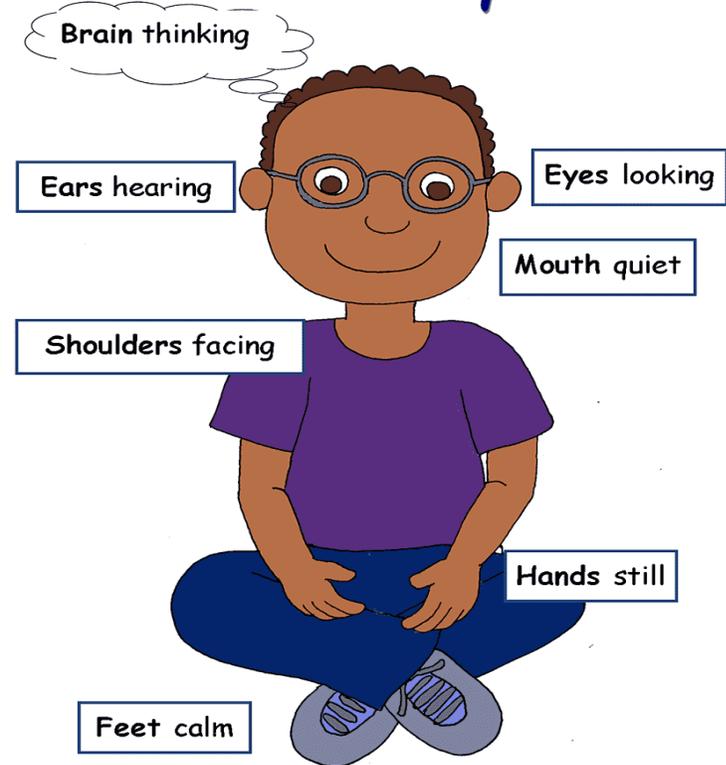
Literacy Focus



Listening and Talking

- We are learning to listen actively in class to help everyone to learn. We are learning to show good listening habits.
- We are learning to listen to and watch different texts and explain why we like them.
- We are learning to show respect when speaking by taking our turn.

Be a Whole Body Listener

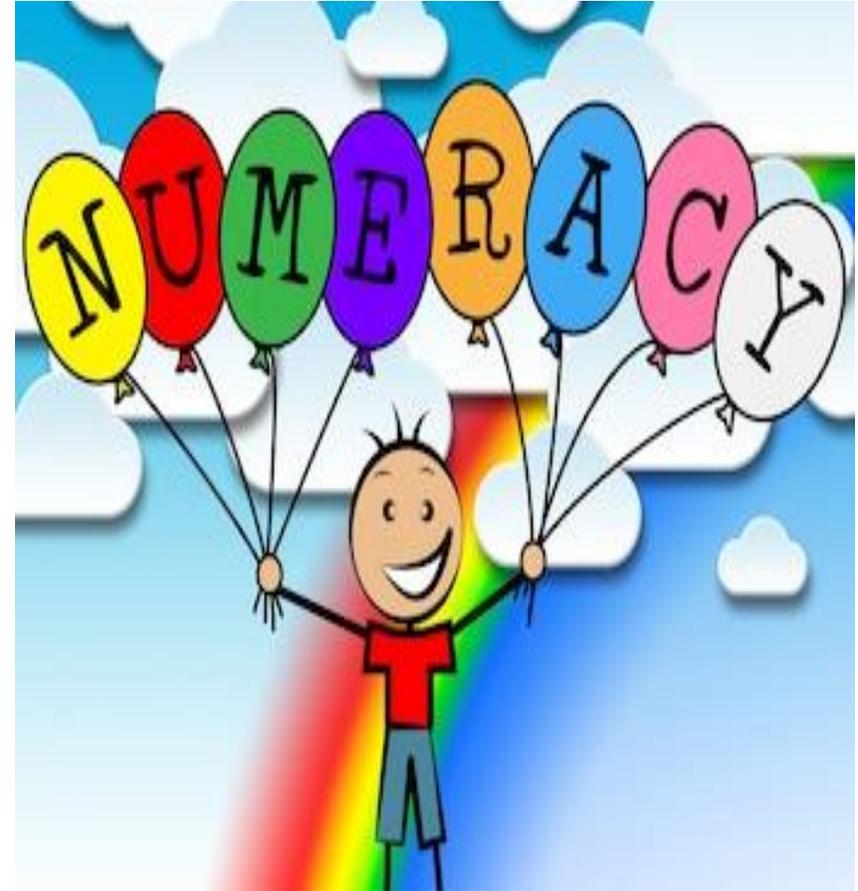




Numeracy Focus



- We are learning about numbers and practising writing numbers neatly.
- **We are learning about organising things to help us to count them.**
- We are counting to 100 in 1s, 2s, 10s and 5s.
- **We are learning about Place Value to 99.**
- We are revising number words to twenty.
- **We are revising adding and subtracting to 20 mentally and in writing.**
- We are learning about estimating and rounding to the nearest 10.



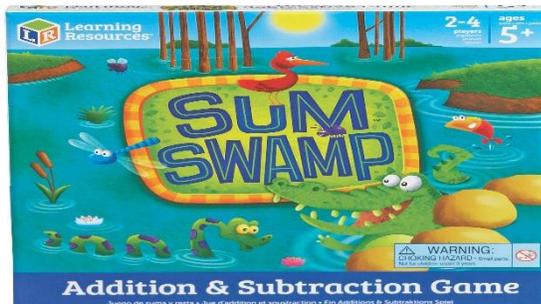


Numeracy Focus



Games are a great way to develop our Numeracy Skills.

We have been learning to play Sum Swamp and teaching other people how to play. Megan showed Cooper, Thomas, Isabella and Murrin. Everyone needed their own set of dice.



We can play Sumdog on the iPads too.





Health & Well Being Focus



We began our Health and Wellbeing Programme with a 4 week topic designed to settle the children back into school after such a long break.

It was called, 'We Are Maxi' and involved us focusing on Our Maxi Family, School and Class Rules, School Routines, Our Vision and Our Values. The values for the topic were summed up by 'MAXI C.A.N.' C.A.N. stood for Connecting, Achieving and Nurturing.

'We are Maxi' fostered identity, belonging and community.



We also focused on Social Skills, the Nurture Alphabet, Pupil Voice sessions, Circle Times and Fruit and Story sessions on a daily basis to help us to reconnect with each other.

These activities have all been very helpful in settling the children back into school life and many of them will continue throughout the year.



We are about to start a 10 week programme called 'Happy and Healthy.'



It will be built around ideas from the 'Action for Happiness' website and will also incorporate work on the 'Rights of the Child.'



As we head into Autumn and Winter and darker nights, we will also be learning about Road Safety as part of our Health and Wellbeing programme.





Health & Well Being Focus



GREAT DREAM

Ten keys to happier living

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| GIVING |  Do things for others |
| RELATING |  Connect with people |
| EXERCISING |  Take care of your body |
| AWARENESS |  Live life mindfully |
| TRYING OUT |  Keep learning new things |
| DIRECTION |  Have goals to look forward to |
| RESILIENCE |  Find ways to bounce back |
| EMOTIONS |  Look for what's good |
| ACCEPTANCE |  Be comfortable with who you are |
| MEANING |  Be part of something bigger |

Wants, Needs and Rights

Everybody wants different things. We might want toys or sweets or a new pair of shoes. Some of the things we want are things we need to survive. We need food, water and shelter. These needs are important to all people, because they are so important everyone should be entitled to them – we call them human rights.



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PE



- **Primary 3 have P.E. on a Monday afternoon and a Friday morning.**
- **P.E. is currently taking place outdoors and is mainly keep fit, running games and walking.**
- **Please ensure that your child has appropriate outdoor clothing as we hope to go out as much as possible even if we can only manage a walk in the rain.**
- **If, for any reason, your child is unable to participate in P.E. please let the office know. Thank you.**





CCC



CCC time is on Friday morning between 9.00 a.m. and 11.45 a.m. and during that time Miss Begg will take the class for P.E. and Technology.





Homework



Homework will be given out on a Monday in the homework folder and should be returned on the Friday of the same week.

Homework is a link between school and home and supports the learning taking place in class. Adult support is very beneficial but how much support children will need will vary.

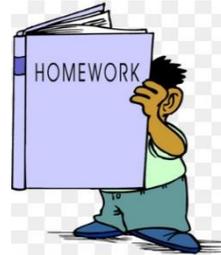
I have asked the children to try to keep their reading book inside the homework folder when bringing it to and from school to keep the books in good condition and I would be grateful if you could remind them of this. Thank you.



Homework will be linked to class learning and will consist of the following:

Literacy –

- Reading the set reading book as often as possible.
- A literacy worksheet designed to help the children to learn to read and spell phoneme and common words.



Numeracy –

- A numeracy worksheet to keep skills sharp and consolidate class learning.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As well as providing a link between school and home, homework can prepare children for the kind of work they will be expected to do independently later on in their school life.

However, **under no circumstances allow homework to cause you or your child any stress.** If it is not completed, for any reason, simply return the sheets and reading book on the Friday as usual. This is especially important in the current circumstances when Health and Wellbeing are paramount for all of us. Remember the same work is being covered in class.





Class Blog



Our class blog will be updated on a Friday and can be found through this link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/maxwellton/>

It is a great window into our classroom especially in the current circumstances and I will post pictures regularly so please have a look if you get a chance.

Maxwellton Primary and Nursery

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Google Classroom



In order to keep our skills sharp and in case there is another lockdown at any point in the school year, we are setting tasks or questions on Google Classroom as part of the IT curriculum.

In Primary 3, most children will need adult help to access Google Classroom so thank you in advance for supporting your child with this until they are independent at doing so.

I appreciate that there can be difficulties accessing and using Google Classroom from home for any number of reasons so please let the school know if you are experiencing any problems and we will do our best to help.



Google Classroom





Contacting Me...



If you need to contact me for any reason, please do so through the school office.
I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible.

The phone number is : 01355 222521

The email address is:Office Maxwellton Primary - office@maxwellton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

Thank you,

Ms Short.

