

Meet The Teacher

Maxwellton Primary School

P4





Welcome from the Teacher



Welcome to Primary 4.

My name is Mrs Goodwin and I am privileged to be able to teach your children this year.

I hope they have a happy and productive year and that we meet new challenges together with a positive attitude and excitement.





Settling In...



All the children are settling in to Primary 4 really well. We are learning lots about each other and learning new rules and routines together.





Class Covid Routines...



Given the current pandemic we have put measures in place to keep our children as safe as possible. The children have zones in the playground to keep each year group separated.



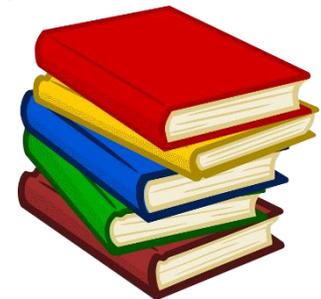
The children have set seats in the cafeteria and classroom. We have rigorous handwashing routines which take place several times a day.



Each pupil has his or her own pencil pot within which are their own resources.



They each have a copy of all the textbooks we will use over the course of the session and their own copies of our class novel and reading books.





School & Class Rules



Our school and class rules revolve around respect.

- Respect For Self
- Respect For Others
- Respect For Learning



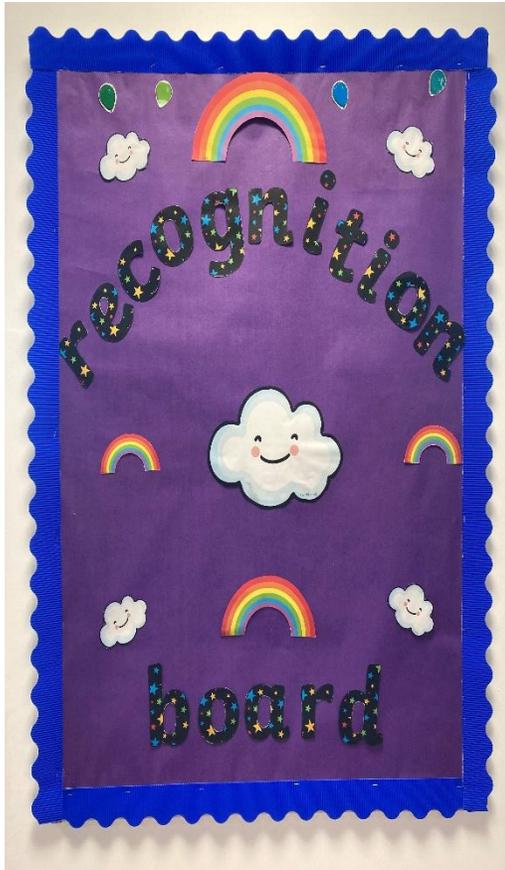
We regularly revisit the class and school rules and discuss the need for respect.

Pupils are aware that not following school and class rules can result in missing a playtime or receiving a reflection sheet.





Class Recognition Boards



We have a lovely recognition board we are using each day to celebrate the children who are consistently following our class rules and the social skill we are focusing on.



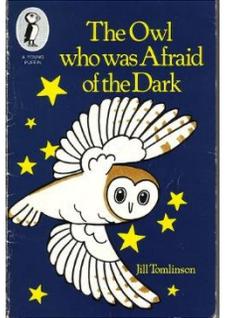
Literacy Focus



Our current novel for one literacy group is *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark*. The children are using this novel to develop comprehension skills in: metalinguistics, comprehension, visualisation and prediction.

Other groups of children will continue to work on their reading skills using the North Lanarkshire Banded Books.

We have Mrs Findlay working with us this year to further develop the children's reading skills.



Our spelling programme is the North Lanarkshire programme which is the scheme the children have used throughout the school so far. We are spending time consolidating spelling rules taught previously.

Our writing programme will cover poetry, characters and letter writing.

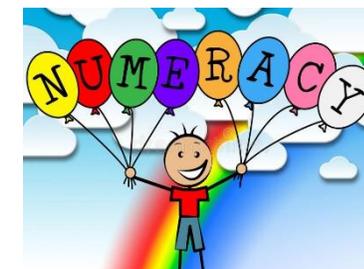




Numeracy Focus



This year we are spending some weeks revising number skills from previous years. Skills such as, addition, subtraction, multiplying, dividing, rounding, place value and number sequences.



Our next steps are to further develop these numeracy skills beginning with addition and subtraction. Then, we will move on to multiplying and dividing.

Times tables are a crucial numeracy skill and I would encourage all children to practise and learn 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables continuously.





Health & Well Being Focus



We are using a variety of resources to help the learners access ways to reconnect with their learning and their community.

We have started with We Are Maxi topic.



We will then go onto a Happy and Healthy topic.



Then a Rights of The Child topic.



Pupil voice sessions have, for example, asked the children about their feelings both during lockdown and the return to school.

Each week the whole school focus on a social skill as we all learn to work and play together again.



PE



In Primary 4 we have two P.E. slots a week. These are on a Thursday and Friday morning.

Children should come to school dressed for P.E. as changing within school is currently not permitted. We will aim to always go outside unless the weather is torrential. So please ensure your child is dressed appropriately. As all P.E. is currently outdoors for safety reasons related to Covid, it is taking the form of games and keep fit activities, as limited equipment can be used.





CCC



CCC is on a Thursday morning and is taken by Miss Begg. Her current remit is IT and P.E.





Homework



Homework will focus on: Spelling, Numeracy and Literacy.

Activities will be linked to ongoing classwork.

All children will receive homework on a Monday and this will be collected in on a Friday. The children will have three things to complete each week.

1. Literacy
2. Spelling Task
3. Numeracy Task

homework





Class Blog



All classes will post a blog by Friday of each week. These are intended to give you some information about the children's learning. They often include images of the children's work and of them learning.

I hope you enjoy seeing and reading about all the activities undertaken in P4.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/maxwellton/category/primary-4/>





Google Classroom



All children should now have a google classroom log in and password. Letters were sent home on Monday 14th September with these details enclosed. Children will receive a question each Monday and they should answer this by the following Friday at the latest.



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Contacting Me...



Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any concerns or queries so that we can support Primary 4.

