

Meet The Teacher

Maxwellton Primary School

P7





Welcome from the Teacher



Welcome to Primary 7.

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

I hope they have a happy and productive year and that they meet new challenges with gusto.



Settling In...



As you are well aware things have been very unsettled in the past few months and settling in to new routines is an important part of a new school year.

The children are happy to see each other and are ready to learn. We have been focussing on classroom rules and behaviours and, in particular, on creating a learning environment. Part of this focus has been on good manners and the use of voice in the classroom situation. There are times when a silent classroom is the most effective environment to aid concentration and learning and this is something Primary 7 has been working on. Other situations require partner voices wherein children are encouraged to speak very quietly to their peers.

The children are quickly learning the behaviour expectations and are responding to positive reinforcement.





Class Covid Routines...



Given the current pandemic we have put measures in place to keep our children as safe as possible. Principal amongst these are the handwashing routines which take place several times a day. In Primary 7 the children are in rows facing the front of the classroom. This is designed to minimise the possible spread of infection.



Each pupil has his or her own wallet within which are their personal 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.



School & Class Rules



Respect

GIVE IT



TO GET IT

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.

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Class Recognition Boards



In order to encourage and promote positive behaviour, we have introduced class recognition boards this year. Any child who demonstrates that they are following school and class rules, working to the best of their ability and having good manners will have a place on the recognition board. I hope my board is full to celebrate the children and their achievements.



Literacy Focus



Our current class novel is Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone. This is in audiobook format and all children are following the story. The children have weekly grammar and handwriting lessons and they are also developing skills in: metalinguistics, comprehension, visualisation and summarising.

All children who previously participated in our IDL sessions are continuing to access this programme.

Our spelling programme is based on patterns within words and a new word list will be issued each week.

Our writing programme will cover poetry, biography and instruction texts this term.





Numeracy Focus



Our Numeracy programme primarily focussed on revising the basic processes of: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

However, as well as regularly and routinely using the basic process in number we will be focussing on: fractions, decimals and percentages.

Children should be encouraged to practise times tables wherever possible as this aids in most numeracy processes.



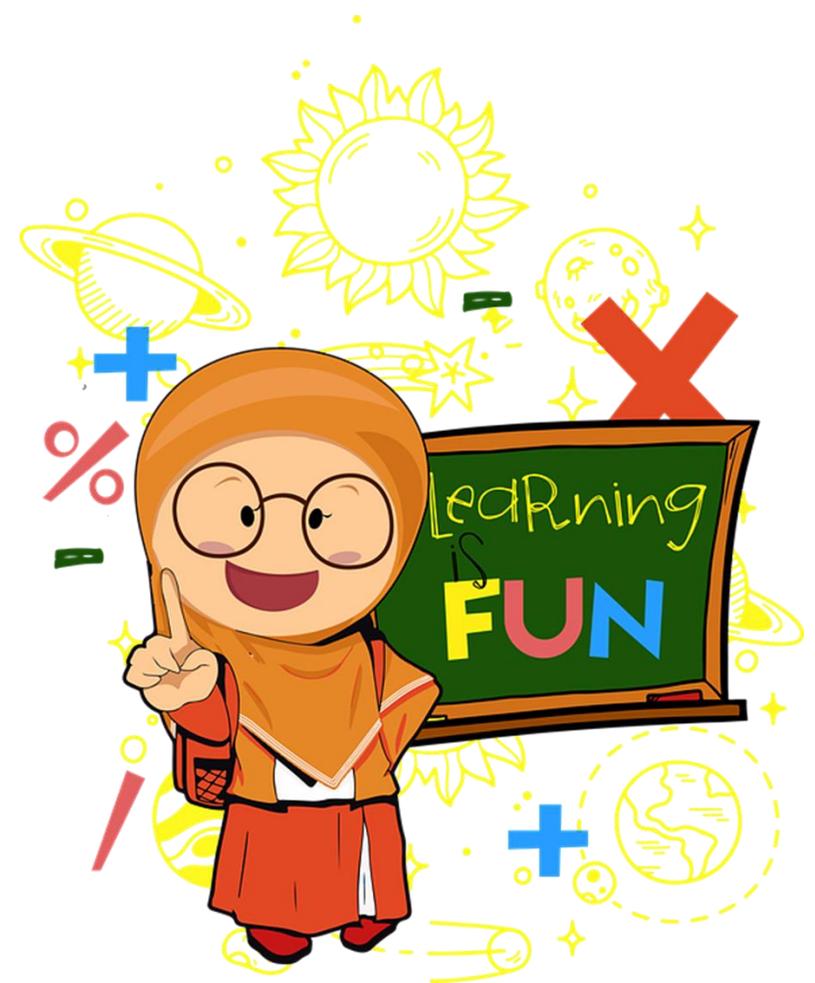
Health & Well Being Focus



Our Health and Wellbeing programme is always important but particularly so given the length of time our children were unable to come to school. We are doing 2 big whole school projects 'We are Maxi' to foster belonging and identity and 'Happy and Healthy' Topic

A lot of thought has been given to this and we are presently using a variety of resources to help the learners access ways to reconnect with their learning and their community.

Pupil voice sessions have, for example, asked the children about their feelings both during lockdown and the return to school. We are also focussing on the A-Z of attachment and have covered many topics including: attention and developing self control. These are important sessions and allow the children ways to articulate how they manage in stressful or new situations.





PE



In Primary 7 we have two P.E. slots a week. These are on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning.

Children should come to school dressed for P.E. as changing within school is currently not permitted. This decision was taken to ensure the safety of our learners.

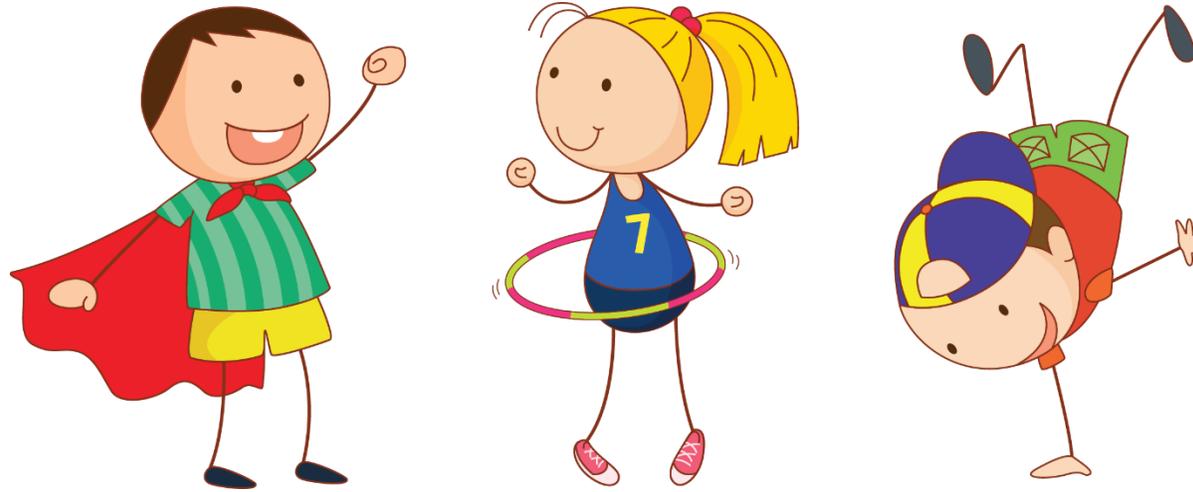
All P.E. is currently undertaken outdoors for safety reasons related to Covid. It is taking the form of games and keep fit activities, as limited equipment can be used.



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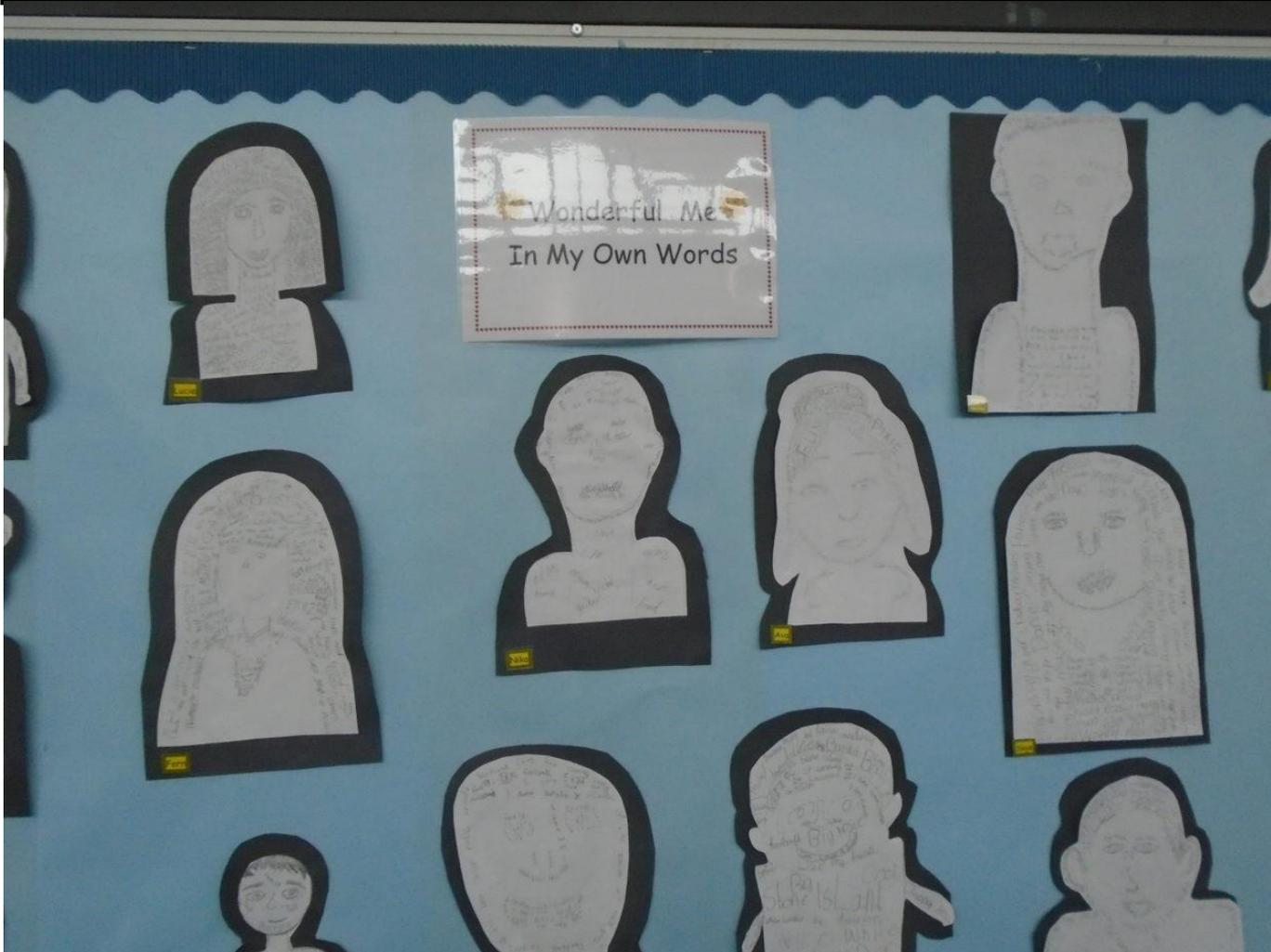


CCC is on a Tuesday afternoon and is taken by Mrs Findlay. Her current remit is IT and P.E.





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 having fun.

I hope you enjoy seeing and reading about all the activities undertaken in P7.



Google Classroom



Please help your child engage with Google Classroom each week. A weekly task will be posted and it will help the children to continue to consolidate and to further develop their skills in remote learning.





Contacting Me...



And finally, I am here if you have concerns or questions. If you contact the school office either by email or by telephoning I will ensure that I will answer as soon as is possible.