

Meet The Teacher

Maxwellton Primary School

P6



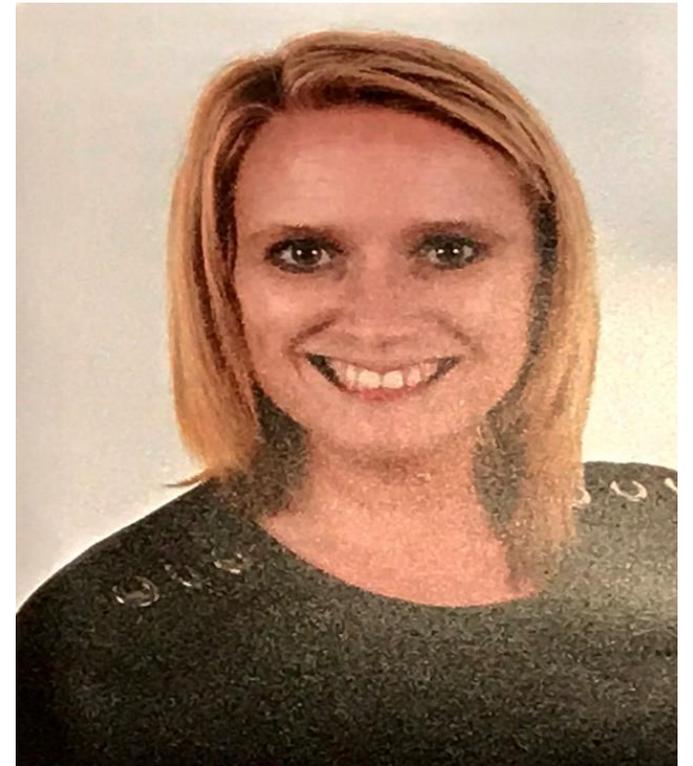


Welcome from the Teacher



Hello everyone.

My name is Mrs Lipp and I am the class Teacher for P6. I am looking forward to working with and getting to know your lovely children really well.

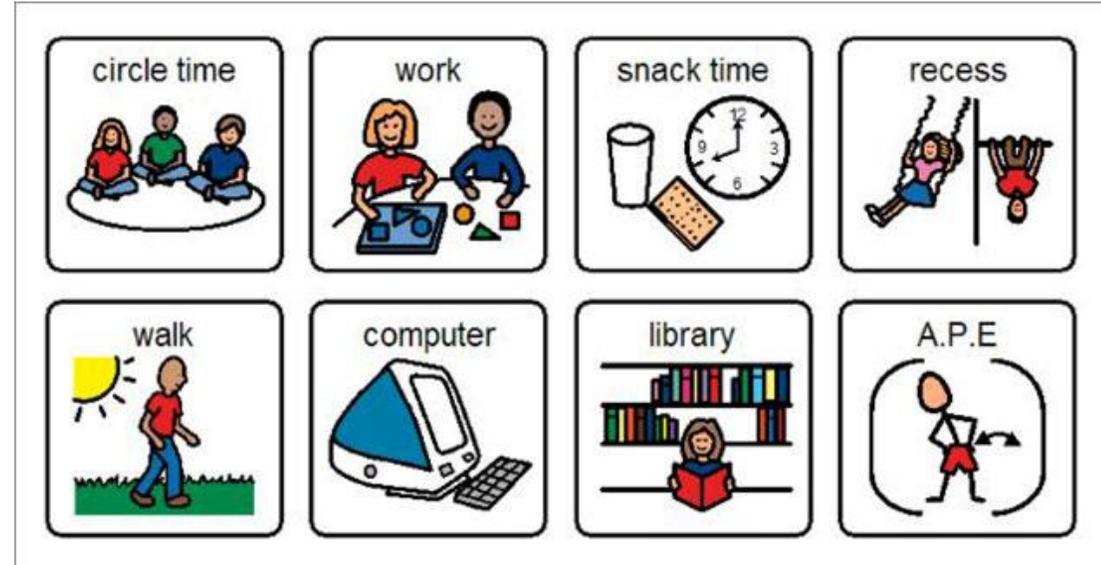




Settling In...



The class have settled in very well to their new classroom and new routines. The main focus of our Curriculum at the moment is Numeracy, Literacy and Health and Wellbeing.





Class Covid Routines...



We have a number of Covid routines used consistently in class. Firstly, the children wash their hands before and after they enter and leave the classroom, they have their own individual stationery packs and when tissues are used, we have a special bin to dispose of them in. Moreover, wipes and sanitiser are available at all times and where possible, social distancing is encouraged between children and staff.





School & Class Rules



Our School rules are

1. Respect others
2. Respect yourself
3. Respect Learning

As a result, our class rules positively reinforce the overall School Ethos. In P6, children are expected to demonstrate their best effort in work, behaviour and in their interactions with other pupils and staff. In the current climate, we are especially reinforcing the need to be kind to ourselves and to others.





Class Recognition Boards



In our class, we have a "Shooting Stars" recognition board, which we use daily and start afresh with at the beginning of every week. When a child is "recognised" for consistently following class rules, for "Going above and beyond" what is expected of them or simply demonstrating a kindness or resilient nature, they will get their name up on our "Shooting Stars" board for everyone to see.

This is a great way to celebrate success in p6.



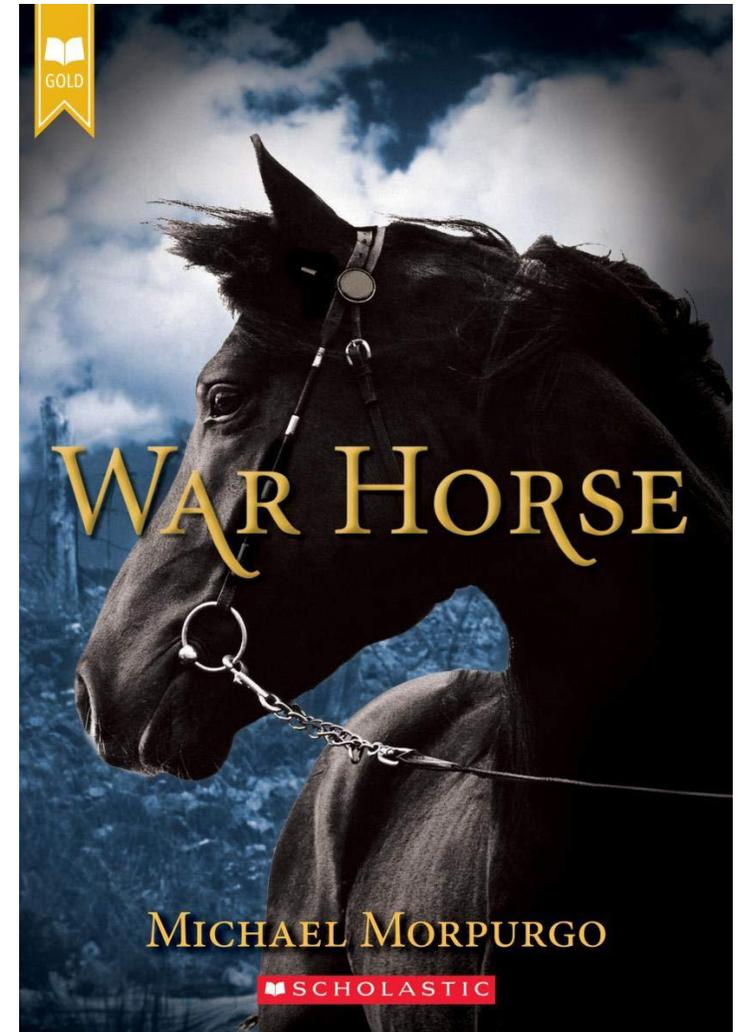
Literacy Focus



This term in Literacy, we are focussing on reading the Michael Morpurgo novel, "War Horse". The class will be learning and developing reading strategies such as Inference, Questioning, Visualisation and Summarising.

This term we will also be looking at Non -Fiction texts, in particular, Diary entries and will be learning about the features of Diary writing through "Zlata's Diary".

In Writing lessons, P6 have been exploring different forms of poetry and writing their own poems. We will also be developing Research skills in ICT sessions and use our notes to create a Biography about a famous person they are interested in. Lastly, in Writing lessons, the class will use their knowledge and understanding of Diary writing to create their own Diary entries.





Numeracy Focus



In Numeracy this term, our main Teaching areas will be becoming quicker, more confident and more accurate in using our Times Tables. We will be developing our understanding of Place Value, of rounding and of the Addition and Subtraction of larger numbers using word problems.





Health & Well Being Focus



We have a huge focus on Health and Wellbeing this term. Everyday P6 have a morning "Connection Point" to reinforce the importance of social skills and class rules, a Fruit and Story session after break to listen to a class novel and a "Circle Time" at half past 2 where everyone is given the opportunity and is encouraged to discuss different feelings and emotions they are experiencing.

In addition, we have been doing a whole school mini topic called "We are Maxi" which is helping the children settle back into routines and feel part of the school community. The next topic will be about teaching "Keys to Happiness" which will focus on connections to others, resilience skills, handling emotions and acceptance of themselves and others.





PE



PE sessions are on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. At the moment, our lessons are outside and we are not permitted to use equipment. Therefore, we are developing fitness skills, running techniques and reinforcing good sportsmanship when playing games. PE can be done in school uniform but if children wish to wear PE kit, please ensure they wear it underneath their uniform.





CCC



CCC this year is covered by Ms. Begg who will be teaching the children PE and ICT from 9-11.45am on a Wednesday morning.



Homework



Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be returned by Friday. Because of Covid rules, the work will be left for at least 72 hours before I will look at it so if there is any important information you need to let me know about, just write a separate note which your child can give me.

Homework will generally consist of

1. Spelling words and tasks.
2. Reading (personal choice or banded book if given)
3. Literacy task
4. Numeracy task.

The Homework can be done at any point during the week.





Class Blog



Every week I aim to refresh the Class blog with some photographs and information about what the children have been doing during the week. This is a great way for you to see some of the learning which has gone on. [Check us out!](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/maxwellton/)

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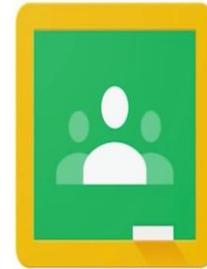




Google Classroom



The whole class, including myself, will be reinforcing their skills in using "Google Classroom". We will be practising and refreshing our skills in how to upload documents and send messages to the Teacher.



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Contacting Me...



As I mentioned earlier, I am very much enjoying teaching P6 and look forward to getting to know all of the children really well. I am also looking forward to working with you all as parents too, even if it is remotely at the moment. Please do not hesitate to contact me through school email, by phone or by letter if you have any worries or queries.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Wendy Lipp

