



P.1/2 Newsletter

September – December 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

We are very pleased to say that the settling in period has gone very smoothly in P.1/2 and we are so proud of how well the children have adjusted to our new normality. They are little superstars! 😊

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you for your continued support with all the practical things. Putting your child's name on their clothing/belongings and ensuring their reading book is brought with them to school each day, makes their lives (and ours) a little easier.

Below is a brief outline of what we plan to cover up until December.



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Literacy

Phonics & Spelling -

The **Incredibles** group have been learning 2 initial sounds each week.

So far, we have covered a, t, s, i, p & n. We will also be introducing the following sounds up until Christmas:
r, m, d, e, c, k, ck, g, l, f, o, b, u, h, w, j, v, y, z. **

The **Megaminds** group have been learning 2 letter phonemes (1 per week) i.e. sh and th. We will also be introducing the following phonemes up until Christmas:

ch, ng, wh, ph, ee, oo, ck. **

** We will also build in regular consolidation (revision) and assessment blocks into this programme.

Reading - In class, your child will be introduced to 2 books per week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to class each day to allow them to complete set reading tasks.

Please note: Unfortunately, we are unable to send home a new book until previous books have been returned.

Writing - As well as completing 'Daily Writing' tasks, your child will also be working on specific writing targets during



Numeracy & Maths

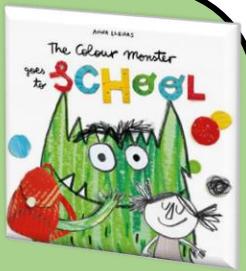
Numeracy - The **Circles** group have been focusing on counting correctly to 10 (1-1 correspondence) and have been thinking about the order of numbers. We have also been looking at the formation of numbers 0-9. We will also be focusing on written number forms, counting on/back, comparing 2 quantities (more/less), combining 2 quantities & taking away quantities from a bigger amount.

The **Squares** group have been focusing on counting on/back in sequences, missing numbers & ordinal numbers. We will also be focusing on Place Value, recognising & reading numbers in different formats up to 100, Addition & Subtraction.

Maths - We have been learning about days of the week, months of the year (birthdays) and seasons. We are currently learning about the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have been investigating which shapes can and cannot roll.

Our next Maths topic will be Data and Analysis.

Health & Wellbeing



We began our school year by reading the wonderful collection of stories by Anna Llenas: 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster Goes to School'. These books gave us the opportunity to explore our own feelings and emotions.

We have also been learning how to show kindness, how to be a good friend and healthy/unhealthy foods.

The next topics we will be focusing on are cleanliness, hygiene and keeping safe.

P.E. - The focus for P.E. this term is Games. Our P.E. sessions continue to be outdoors and take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. Your child can come to school on these days wearing their trainers or alternatively bring them to change into. If your child would prefer to bring his/her trainers to change into, we would like to make a polite request that they have Velcro straps, to make them easier to get on and off.

Thank you 😊



Interdisciplinary Learning

We started our school year with a focus on the topics, 'All About Me' and 'My School'.

Our new topic of study is based around the theme of Katie Morag and the adventures she goes on in her stories. We will also explore Scottish islands and how island life compares to where we live. The children will also complete a number of exciting challenges, sent by Katie Morag herself. The Katie Morag stories also provide wonderful opportunities for the children to develop their literacy and expressive skills across the curriculum.

Modern Languages - French



In French, we have been learning some vocabulary such as common greetings.

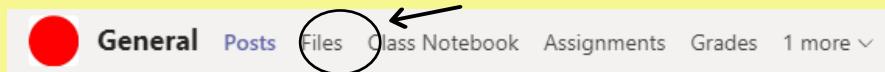
We will also be learning to count to 10 in French.

P.1/2 Homework



As well as completing our daily reading homework, our weekly homework tasks will now be posted every **Monday** on our Microsoft Teams page entitled, 'P1/2 20-21'.

Our set tasks will be presented in the form of a PowerPoint document and can be accessed by clicking on the 'Files' tab at the top of our Teams page. Here is an example below:



The weekly PowerPoints will be saved according to the week beginning date e.g. Week Beg 21st Sept.

Starting from Monday 21st September, your child will bring home a homework jotter to record their weekly homework tasks. They will also bring home a sheet of letters that can be cut up and used as part of our weekly 'Word Maker' tasks.

Please note: your child's homework jotter and letters sheet should be kept at home for weekly use and not brought into school.



If your child would like to upload a photo of their work, they can do by clicking on the 'Class Notebook' tab, their name and then finally clicking on the 'Homework' tab. Here you can upload a photo. Ms McCrossan will email parents with Glow login details for our children who didn't use them during lockdown.

We really appreciate you taking the time to read our Newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.