



P.3/4 Newsletter

September – December 2022

A note from Mrs Daly and Miss Naeem...

Welcome back everyone to our new school year! We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer.

The pupils of Room 2 have made a fantastic start to the school year and we are very impressed with all of the hard work and effort that has taken place so far. We look forward to the term ahead, filled with lots of exciting learning experiences.

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



BACK TO SCHOOL!



Literacy

Phonics & Spelling – Pupils will continue to follow the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy programme.

P.3 will be introduced to one phoneme per week as well as a list of common words. We will also build in regular consolidation blocks.

P.4. will be learning how to build up and spell words that have the same phoneme sound but are written in different family groups. For example, the phoneme 'ae' has different written representations such as: 'a-e', 'ai', 'ay', 'ey' and 'ea'.

Reading – We have started our school year with a 'Modelling Block' based on the text, 'Horrid Henry'. During this block we will be focusing on a range of reading strategies to help deepen pupils' understanding of the text.

P.4 are currently reading the text 'Horrid Henry' in class, as well as at home. A new text/novel will be sent home once each reading block has been completed in class.

P.3 will be introduced to one new book per week and this will also be sent home. During the course of the term, the length of time spent on a text may change as texts become more challenging.

Taught Writing – Room 2 are developing their narrative, instructional and recount writing skills with Miss Naeem where their writing will be linked to their IDL topics and seasonal occasions.

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Numeracy & Maths

Numeracy – Pupils will be focusing on Number Processes this term. So far, Room 2 have been developing their knowledge of Place Value up to 3 and 4 digits, and beyond. We will also be focusing on ordering and rounding numbers.

Developing on from this, Room 2 will focus on using a range of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies to solve written and mental calculations and problems.

Maths – Pupils will be working on maths with Miss Naeem and have begun to develop their knowledge on money. We will be looking at working out total costs using appropriate coins and notes. We will also be focusing on calculating the correct change.

Moving on from money, Room 2 will progress on to learning about time. **P.4** will be focusing on multiples of 5 minutes and 1-minute intervals. **P.3** will be focusing on using half past, quarter past and quarter to using analogue and digital 12 hour clocks.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E. - The focus for P.E. this term is Athletics and Central Net and Wall Games. Our P.E. sessions take place on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Health & Wellbeing - This term, Room 2 are working on the SHANARRI Indictors of Safe, Healthy and Achieving. We will be demonstrating how to keep ourselves and others safe. We will progress on to discussing healthy balanced diets and having healthy relationships. Finally, we will finish the term by looking into the wider world of work.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We started our school year with the mini topic, 'All About Me'.

Our new topic of study will be 'The Rainforest'. During this topic we will explore the structure of rainforests and find out information about the animals and creatures that live in each layer. We will also explore habitats within rainforests, looking at where different animals live. In addition to this, we will be researching the average rainfall and climate in rainforests. There will also be lots of cross-curricular links throughout our learning experiences such as, having the opportunity to create a range of rainforest inspired artwork. In Science, we will also be researching to find out what some of the living things in rainforests eat.

Modern Languages - French

In French, we started the year by consolidating prior learning.

P.3 will be taking part in simple conversations and will be learning to respond to greetings and class instructions, as well as learning numbers 21-31.

P.4 will learn the French alphabet and learn the names of family members and pets.

P. 3/4 Suggested Homework Tasks

Where possible, we recommend that your child spends a short time each night, reading their reading book/novel.

In addition to this, we will continue to post suggested Literacy and Numeracy/Maths homework tasks. These tasks will be posted every 2nd Monday on Room 2's Microsoft Teams page entitled, 'P3/4 22-23'. These tasks can be accessed by clicking on the 'Homework' folder, within the 'Files' tab. Your child has also been issued with a homework jotter if they wish to record their weekly homework tasks.

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

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

Mrs Daly and Miss Naeem 😊

