



Meet the Teacher

Mr Naismith – Primary 3/4

A little about me

My name is Mr Naismith, and I am new to Gartcosh Primary this year. I am really looking forward to getting settled into the school, my class, and getting to know more about the wider school community.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) teaching and learning is a passion of mine both in and out of school. I operate a YouTube channel – STEM with Mr N – with weekly videos to do with everything STEM!

What is important to me outside of school? My family are the most important thing to me. I love to read – fiction and non-fiction – and I play in goals at ice hockey, which I have been doing since I was 5 years old.



What's Important to me in class

It is important to me to really get to know the children. I believe that good relationships foster a meaningful educational environment. I like to make education fun, while also having high expectations.

The most important thing I like to see from pupils is trying their best. We are not all good at the same things, and some things will be hard, but I encourage a growth mindset of "I can't do it YET!"

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What our year will look like

This is just a little flavour of our year.

This year we began with a whole-class novel called *Boat*, and explored the main themes of this book about Memories, Being Different, Bravery and Friendship. This linked into our work on Growth Mindset. Since completing this, we have been reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* to model the different Literacy techniques and expectations for the year ahead.

We will work through the different areas of maths, starting with Estimating & Rounding, and Place Value. Being a mixed class, activities will be different for the different stages, however there are always challenge opportunities for all pupils to extend their learning.

Our first topic is Forces, Vibrations and Waves, which we have begun by exploring magnets. This topic will also connect with a Social Studies topic exploring relevant Scottish inventors, such as Alexander Bell.

A glance around our classroom

Our class is in the main part of the school, just next to the office. Every child has their own tray under their desk. We have a class library with a wide range of books, including the Roald Dahl favourites. Our walls have literacy and numeracy displays and we also have a health and wellbeing wall displaying some of work on this key area, and a Class Rules wall displaying rules created by the pupils.



How we work in class

Now that we are back a few weeks our routines are well established. We have school house points and also a whole-class reward system. Children earn marbles for effort, kindness and good manners as well as the work they do. Effort and doing your best are great ways to earn marbles. If the class empties the marble jar by the end of the month, they are rewarded with a movie afternoon! Golden time is every Friday from 2.25pm until 2.55pm the children choose from different activities, including puzzles, books and iPads.

We always start our maths with some mental agility and even some active maths games to get minds and bodies working.

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