

## Homework

- Homework will be issued once a fortnight.
- There will be set tasks each week, which must be completed.
- Children can select two additional 'choice' tasks to complete.
- Please remind children to write a heading for each new task in their Homework jotter.
- Tasks should be self-evaluated. Please encourage your child to add a traffic light once tasks are completed.
- Parental support is of great benefit to children, but please remember that completed tasks should reflect each child's abilities.
- Each child will be given a book home to read aloud to a parent or guardian and it will be used as part of next day learning. Books should be brought to school every day.
- Children should practise their Common spelling words, Phoneme words and High Frequency reading words at home each night.



## Celebrating Success

Each week children will celebrate success through the following awards:

- Star writer
- Capacity award
- Dojo winner



# please remember...

- Parents should stay behind the painted yellow line if entering the playground.
- Children should bring homework, reading books and any notes in their blue bag each day.
- All personal items should be clearly labelled with names.
- Check the WhiteleesPS Twitter page for updates.

If you would like to find out more about how best to support your child's learning, visit our class blogs at...

[www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk](http://www.whitelees.n-lanark.sch.uk)

Or

Education Scotland Parentzone at...

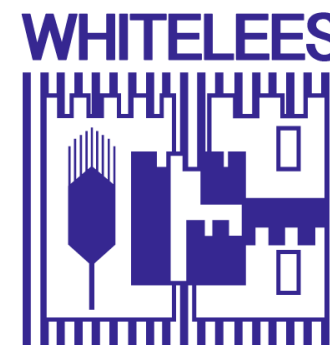
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## WHITELEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRIMARY 2

## Parent Guide



## Literacy



### Reading

Children will have at least one reading book each week, which they should share with you as part of their homework. Please encourage your child to discuss the characters, sequence of events and any interesting vocabulary in each text. A range of different texts will be explored throughout the year.



### Spelling

Each week children will be introduced to three or four common spelling words. These will be practised throughout the week using the Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check approach. New phonemes will be introduced using magnetic boards and the say, make/break, blend, read and write method. Children will read and write words with new phonemes and these will be included in the weekly spelling test along with the common spelling words.



### Writing

Children will have opportunities to write every day. Children will engage in one formal taught writing lesson each week. They will further develop independence when writing and they will learn to write extended pieces using paragraphs. Children will write for a range of purposes and will learn about different genres. They will have regular opportunities to use their writing skills to showcase their knowledge and understanding of different curricular areas. Children will be involved in peer and self-evaluation to enable them to improve their skills.

## Numeracy and Mathematics



### Big Maths

Through the Big Maths programme, children will have opportunities to increase their mental maths agility and develop a deeper understanding of numeracy. Pupils will count every day and they will develop confidence with counting in ones, twos, fives, tens and threes. Children have 'Learn Its' which are facts that they simply have to learn. Please practise these at home to enable children to make progress each week in their Learn Its test. Emphasis will be made on linking pupil learning through the 'It's Nothing New' element of the programme. Children will also learn about different calculations. They will explore addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. A weekly CLIC test will assess pupil progress.



### Outer Maths

Children will develop their understanding of shape, measure, money and data handling through a range of indoor and outdoor learning experiences.



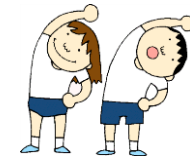
### Number Talks

Children will develop their mental agility as they have opportunities to talk about their mathematical thinking. They will learn to be flexible with numbers and use a variety of strategies to complete calculations. Pupils will find ways to be efficient when solving problems.

## Health and Wellbeing

### P.E.

Children will take part in two hours of physical activity each week. They will develop skills in Track and Field, Possession Games and Dance. One hour of P.E. will take place indoors. Children should bring blue shorts, a white t-shirt and soft shoes to wear. One hour of P.E. will take place outdoors and children should bring tracksuit trousers or leggings, a t-shirt, a jumper, a lightweight rain jacket and trainers.



### Healthy Eating

Children should bring a filled water bottle each day. Healthy snacks are encouraged and children will have opportunities to earn Dojos for making a healthy choice. Food Technology lessons will give children experiences of making and eating healthy foods.



### Healthy Lifestyles

Children will explore a number of themes to enable them to lead healthy, happy lives. They will learn about the human body, relationships and managing their emotions.