

# Welcome

Curriculum Meeting P2 2020/21  
P2A Mrs Woods/ Mrs Marrs  
P2B Mrs Finnegan

# The School Day

9.00 – 3:00

Children will not be admitted into the school playground before 9am, this is due the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

Please ensure your child is on time to ensure they do not miss out on many important lessons.

Children should **only** bring a **disposable lunch/snack bag** and a coat to school, again this is to ensure no cross-contamination between school and home.

# Homework

Homework will now be shared via the Seesaw app, if you have any issues using this please let us know as soon as possible.

Weekly spellings, tricky words and some revision activities will be shared weekly.

After Halloween we will be sending home weekly reading via the MyOn website- more details will follow. Due to Covid-19 we will be unable to send home reading books or library books but we will continue to read in school within the current guidelines.

# Healthy Eating

We encourage a healthy break such as fruit or yogurt with milk or water.

Each child may bring a labelled plastic bottle of water to school on a Monday, which they can refill at the class sink and we will dispose of it on a Friday.

# Uniform

Please continue to ensure pupils are wearing the school jumper, white shirt, navy trousers or skirt and their tie. **Black shoes are compulsory.**

**Please ensure names are on jumpers and coats.**

## **Attendance/Notes/Meetings with teacher**

Please ensure your child is in school on time and is in school everyday where possible to ensure they are not missing out on important lessons and therefore falling behind.

Please phone the school office if your child is absent, sick, has an appointment, has no homework or uniform, or is late.

# The Curriculum

# Play Based Learning

Children will engage in many practical activities during structured play. These will allow children to develop their literacy and numeracy skills in an informal environment. In addition to this, pupils will have the chance to be creative during construction, art and role play activities.

# Linguistic Phonics/Reading

Following on from the Jolly Phonics and Comet programmes in P1, pupils will use the Linguistic Phonics Programme. This will allow pupils to develop phonological skills, allowing them to hear sounds in words, identify syllables and segment and blend words.

Help sheets and pointers will be sent home via Seesaw throughout the year to help you assist your child.

# How you can help!

We ask that you spend 5 minutes each night hearing your child read. Encourage your child to focus on the text and the pictures and practice the strategies that we are teaching them:

- look at the first letter and the last letter
- sound it out
- look for small words inside the longer word
- Read the sentence and guess the word in context
- look at the picture for clues.

This can be done with books you already have at home.

# Writing

Pupils will learn to communicate meaning through enjoyable writing activities. They will express themselves through writing creatively and factually. Pupils will be encouraged to become independent writers, who, with time, can use punctuation and have legible hand writing.

# Numeracy

Content covered: Mental maths, number skills and topic work such as shape and space, time, money measurement and handling data.

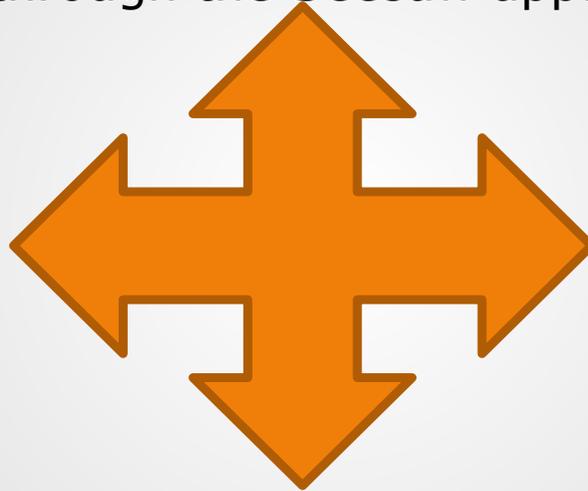
Mental Maths will be included in the weekly homework and you will be informed of our weekly focus so that you can encourage your child to work on this.

The children will use a range of resources to learn problem solving skills in a practical environment and to help them make meaningful connections within number.

**Religion:** The Grow in Love scheme encourages home links and so each week pupils will complete a page at school and through the Seesaw app.

**The Arts:** Music, art and design are an integral part of your child's learning and so the arts are embedded cross all areas of the curriculum.

**PDMU:** Your child will develop their values and attitudes towards themselves and the wider community.



**WAU:** This area includes Science and Technology, History and Geography. Various topics such as seasons, People Who Help Us, dinosaurs and water will be explored in P2.

**Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities:** Pupils will develop thinking skills throughout the curriculum and school day through problem solving, self management etc.

# ICT

ICT will be used to deepen pupils' learning and allow them to communicate this learning.

Pupils often find it difficult to use keypads and mouse controls as these are being used less at home. If you have a laptop or computer we encourage you to allow them to use it.

# Expectations

We encourage pupils to come to school prepared to do their best, to show kindness to others, to take care of theirs and others property and to show good behaviour at all times.

As parents/ Guardians, we hope that you can ensure your child is in school on time, that homework is done and that your child follows the rules of the school and class.

**Thank you for all your  
support.**

**Mrs Woods  
Mrs Marrs  
and Mrs Finnegan**