

Primary 2

2018-2019



Hello, I am Mrs Devlin and I am delighted to be your child's class teacher this year. I hope that your child has settled in well and that they are enjoying life in Primary 2!



High Expectations



In P2 we strive for all pupils to reach their potential. Pupils will be encouraged to try their very best in class by working independently, taking responsibility for their learning and taking pride in their work. I endeavour to create a nurturing and supportive classroom environment in which your child will feel comfortable trying new things and pushing themselves to achieve. I am always happy to explain things again to ensure that pupils are confident and secure in their learning so please encourage your child to ask for help if they are unsure of anything.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss anything with me, please feel free to get in touch. You can leave a note in your child's home learning diary, or alternatively I am available most days afterschool for an informal chat.

I look forward to getting to know you this year.

Mrs Devlin



Literacy

Writing – We will be following the North Lanark Active Literacy guidelines to ensure that all pupils have a chance to write in a variety of different ways. Pupils will have the opportunity to write every day in class. In addition, on a Wednesday they will take part in a 'Big Writing' session where they will aim to produce an extended piece of work. This will allow them to explore writing in different genres.

Reading – All pupils will read books appropriate to their level on a weekly basis, covering two books per week. Pupils will complete comprehension tasks from their books within the classroom.

Spelling/Phonics – We adhere to the North Lanark Active Literacy guidelines when teaching phonics and spelling. This involves pupils participating in phonics and spelling activities 4 days per week with additional homework set to support this learning. At the start of term we will be spending some time consolidating some of the phonemes taught last year before moving onto new phonemes.



Mathematics

Pupils will begin this term exploring number, addition and subtraction. We will cover all aspects of maths throughout the year. Pupils will get the opportunity to participate in daily mental maths to improve speed and accuracy through Number Talks and Big Maths CLIC sessions. During Number Talks, pupils will learn different strategies to find answers to calculations. They will then communicate their thinking by presenting and justifying solutions to their peers. Big Maths daily CLIC sessions develop pupils' numeracy skills through a progressive programme of: C – Counting, L – Learn Its, I – Its Nothing New and C – Calculations. Pupils will be given some 'Learn It's' to practise quick recall of calculations at home.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Pupils in Primary 2 will get the opportunity to work as a class and also across their stage with the P2s from Miss Pryde's class. Our main topics this year will include a SHANARRI based topic looking at Health, Street Sense, Toys – magnets and forces, Dinosaurs, Troon – our local area and Climates. We will also undertake a literacy focused book study of Fantastic Mr Fox and throughout the year children will have the opportunity to participate in Finance Fortnight and to study the Scots Language. We will also play an important role in the school nativity show

again this year and will be responsible for narrating the show while the P1s perform.



Health and Wellbeing

P.E this year will be on a **Friday**. I would appreciate if you could avoid sending to your child to school in a shirt and tie on this day in order to make it easier for them to get ready independently. Pupils can store their PE kits in class to ensure that they have their kit available and bags shall be sent home at the end of each term for washing.



In class and as part of the Assembly programme children explore different aspects of social and emotional health through Creating Confident Kids. There is also a constant focus on team work and positive relationships in class.

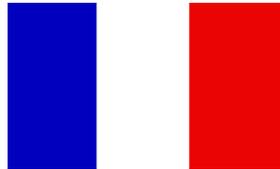


Homework

Homework overviews will be issued at the start of each week. This will normally include a maths task, a spelling task and two reading books per week. On occasion there will be a project for our topics but plenty of notice will be given for this.

Where possible I will strive to issue all homework tasks on a Monday and collect them on a Friday. I hope this allows for flexibility in completing tasks as I am aware that children attend various clubs throughout the week and therefore find it difficult to complete homework on specific days.

French



Pupils will be developing their language skills by learning new words and phrases in French. Songs and games will be played with Camembear to reinforce their learning.

