



Class Newsletter



Primary 2



Welcome

Welcome to Primary 2 with Miss Miller!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our families to WCPS, I hope you are keeping well and adapting to the 'new normal'.

The boys and girls have settled back into school routines excellently. I am very proud of each and every one of them for demonstrating great strength and resilience during these uncertain times. Our classroom is filled with smiles and laughter on a daily basis, and for this I would like to thank your children.

I am aware that communicating with myself has not been as easy since returning to school, however, both Teams and SEESAW will be up and running soon to provide increased opportunities for communication. Weekly diaries and home learning will be uploaded via Teams in coming weeks.

I continue to operate an open door policy, therefore, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Miller

What have Primary 2 been up to?

Since returning to school, we have been up to many things in the classroom. We have shared stories from our time away from school and written recounts of these memories. We have had many opportunities to develop our art and design skills through our 'Under the Sea' topic and drew and coloured fabulous self-portraits. We also learned about the life cycle of a butterfly and then went on to revise symmetry and make our own symmetrical designs.



Primary 2 Class Charter

Every year, all the pupils across the school in every classroom create a Class Charter. A class charter is a set of rules, promises or guidelines that children and teachers have all agreed on for the classroom. Class charters are created to help children understand that they have rights, how important it is to have rights, and to develop their own sense of responsibilities. Primary 2 and I agreed on the following rights:

To be included, comfortable, safe, special, and respected.

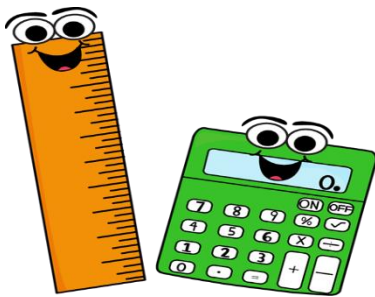
Social Studies Topic – ‘Under the Sea’

Throughout this topic, children will have opportunities to learn about many different sea creatures and life under the sea. We will explore the importance of protecting the oceans against plastic pollution and discuss ways in which we as a society can help keep our beaches and oceans clean. Primary 2's topic is brought to life by Shimmer the Mermaid, a lost mermaid who leaves messages in a bottle for the class, in the hope they will help her find her way home. Primary 2 are tracking her journey on a world map and have so far discovered Puffins on the Island of St Kilda, and sea turtles in the Atlantic Ocean.



Maths

The past few weeks have been spent revising numeracy concepts from Primary 1, including correct number formation, ordering and sequencing numbers, and addition and subtraction facts within 10. Moving on, Primary 2 will be learning to undertake various activities within numbers to 100. By encouraging your child to recognise numbers up to 100 in the environment around them, this will greatly develop their confidence when it comes to exploring larger numbers. Together we will continue to develop our mental maths skills by learning to recall addition and subtraction facts to 20. We will also be covering a variety of topics within maths such as shape, time and money.



Literacy

Within literacy, children will be developing their writing skills with a focus on their use of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP) throughout all of our written work. In reading, we will be focusing on responding to punctuation within a text to add expression and fluency as we read aloud. The understanding of what we read will be developed through a variety of comprehension tasks, focusing on the skills of visualisation, prediction and summarising this term. Through weekly handwriting lessons, pupils will be encouraged to form letters correctly, writing on the line and focusing on letter size and height.



Health and Wellbeing

Primary 2 will be developing their athletics skills through P.E. lessons with Miss Clancy on a Monday and with myself on Wednesdays. Children can continue to come to school dressed in appropriate gym wear on these days. Please ensure your child has a weatherproof jacket to wear during gym lessons as we approach the colder autumn and winter months.

PATHS (**P**romoting **A**lternative **T**hinking **S**trategies) lessons will continue to explore friendships, emotions and fair play rules through role play, circle time and stories. Each week a randomly selected child will be chosen to be the PATHS pupil of the week. This child will receive compliments from their peers and myself, and will be given special responsibilities and privileges around the classroom. Their compliments will be recorded on a certificate and presented in the corridor for others to see. These lessons help to make children feel good about themselves and see their many positives.



Happy Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together