

Homework

While I understand that family life can be hectic I do appreciate your efforts to complete homework tasks. All homework is intended to reinforce learning that has taken place in class. Children will continue to take bring their RWI reading book and spelling home on a weekly basis. Please spend time listening to your child read throughout the week. Books must be returned to school on Mondays, along with blue Home Learning jotters, so a new book and spelling homework can be issued on a Tuesday. I will continue to post homework reminders on seesaw. Every family and child should have received their login details for seesaw, please let me know if you are unable to use this app and require assistance. Your child is also welcome to use seesaw to share photos and videos of learning they complete at home.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Extra Information

Our class have been given the opportunity to partake in Drumming for Excellence by Infectious Grooves, a youth music initiative for Midlothian Primary Schools. We have already had two exciting sessions which the children thoroughly enjoyed and we are looking forward to the next two.

Earlier this term we took part in the Young Writers 'This Is Me Acrostics' competition. Each pupil wrote an acrostic poem using their name or a hobby. I am excited to share the news that some of our work has been chosen to be published in the 'This Is Me Acrostics—Future Voices' book. A big well done to Archie, Eve, Miaya, Orla, Isaac and Jack Milne.



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**Primary 2 Newsletter
Term 3**

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Term3

P2 have already had an amazing start to Term 3, settling back into the classroom routines and expectations amazingly. I continue to be impressed daily with the enthusiasm and excitement the children show towards their learning. I am so proud of the hard work the children are showing and the progress they are making. I would like to thank you all for your continued support with home learning, this is having really positive impacts for the children. Please if you have any queries or questions do not hesitate to get in contact, I am always available in the playground at the end of the day. Alternatively you can contact me through the school office by telephone or email.—Miss Miller.

Primary 2 School Day

Monday- Thursday 8:40am-3:10pm

Our break time is 10:30-10:45am

Lunch time is 12:00-12:45pm—Weekly rotations between the lunch hall and the classroom continue to be in place.

Friday 8:40am-11:55pm

Mrs Jardine is the P2 teacher on Tuesdays.

What Learning Looks Like in P2

Literacy

Read, Write, Inc sessions continue to take place daily from Monday-Thursday. We have recently regrouped for Read, Write Inc meaning some children now leave the classroom to attend their Read, Write, Inc sessions. All children continue to work hard on their reading and writing skills through these small group sessions with an adult, focussing on recognising sounds, blending words and completing a mixture of writing and handwriting activities.

A small number of children are now working on the skills based approach to reading comprehension through daily activities.

As a class we are now engaging in 'Reading for Pleasure' sessions throughout the week. These sessions involve all learners reading a book of their choice independently, this is really helping us to build fluency and confidence within our reading.

We are continuing with our writing programme 'Big Writing' and we are currently focussing on writing descriptive sentences and short stories. Our VCOP sessions are helping us to build upon our vocabulary and knowledge of descriptive words and punctuation to help up-level our writing.

Numeracy

This term in numeracy we continue to take a domains approach, covering number structures, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.

Our numeracy lessons start with a whole class input and then take the form of a carousel in which the children visit 3 stations— Teacher Time, Independent Task and an Interactive Game.

In Maths we will be focusing on money and symmetry.



PE & Health and Wellbeing

This term, our PE day has changed to a Friday and we will be focussing on Ball Games and Racquet Skills. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for running around in - due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to get changed for PE within school at this time.



IDL

This term our topic is Water. We have already started our topic by looking at The Water Cycle and the different States of Water. I have been so impressed with how well the children have learnt the new, challenging vocabulary, such as evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We have really enjoyed the start of our topic and still have lots of exciting activities and experiments ahead that I am sure everyone will love.

Class Expectations and Rewarding Positive Behaviour

This term we continue to follow the rules agreed on our class charter, as well as our three main classroom rules Ready, Respectful and Safe, to ensure a positive classroom environment for all. We continue to use our behaviour chart to monitor behaviour and reward positive choices. We also continue to have a Secret Student everyday. We have recently introduced table points in P2 and this is really encouraging the children to work together as a team and is having positive impacts on behaviour.