

Welcome to term 1 in Primary 2a with Miss MacDonald and Mrs Greer!



Please have a look below to see what we will be learning in our class during this term.

Our Class Charter

During the first two weeks of term we worked together with the children to create our own classroom and wet weather rules, through our 'Rights Respecting Schools' topic. We also looked at the green cross code, the school fire drill code, calling 999 in emergencies and how to keep safe online.

P.E

PE sessions for Primary 2a take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Could you please ensure your child has a change of t-shirt or polo shirt and a pair of shorts or gym as they do get very active! Gym kits will be sent home at the end of each term but should you wish them home more often, please inform us by letter.

In P.E we have been developing our ball skills and are now working on improving our fitness. Towards Christmas we will be learning social dancing in time for our Christmas party!

Social Studies

As part of our 'People Who Help Us in Our Community' topic, Primary 2a organized a school visit to Milngavie Fire Station. At the fire station, the children learned about the role of a firefighter. They got the chance to explore the station and see the tools/equipment that the firefighters use, The children also tired their hand at spraying water from the hose and got to step inside the fire engine. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and have since been working in class on writing about their experiences and what they have learned. Coming up we will also be having visits from a local police officer and optician and investigating other jobs and responsibilities in our local community.



ICT

In ICT we will be focusing on all aspects of logging on and off the computer and using paint programmes and tools within those. We will also be practicing our keyboard and typing skills.

Literacy

In Primary 2 the children will continue to work on their spelling, reading, handwriting and phonics. We work on our Bug Club reading and phonics Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and use active spelling activities to work on our spelling every day. We will be developing knowledge in the following key areas:

- Use of vocabulary, connectives, sentences openers, and punctuation to make sentences more varied and interesting.
- Development of writing ability in personal, imaginative and functional writing pieces.
- Progressing story writing to include; When> Where> What? Who? How?

Mathematics

In Primary 2a we will be using a programme called Heinemann Active Maths, which follows an active approach to maths teaching and learning to really engage the children. During maths lessons the children will use a variety of resources and games to develop and consolidate their understanding of maths concepts. Over the course of this term the children will be learning about the following concepts in number work:

- Number bonds to 10, 20
- Place value
- Ordering numbers
- 3D Shape
- Problem solving

H&W

In Health and Wellbeing we will be focusing on keeping healthy through hand washing before eating, choosing healthy foods and talking about our feelings during PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) lessons.

RME

The children will be exploring stories from a number of world religions.

Technology

In technology the children have explored a variety of paper-work techniques, including cutting, covering items using paper and constructing 3D models to represent our class charter.

Expressive Arts

During Music lessons the children have begun developing their skills in keeping rhythm and finding a beat through the use of various percussive instruments. They will also explore pitch and tone through a range of singing activities.

During Art lessons the children will be producing pieces of art work using a variety of techniques, including collage, colour mixing and use of pattern lines and shading.

The children have also been using their imagination to explore mime and movement in a variety of scenarios during Drama. These lessons aim to develop the children's confidence and skills in creating and presenting drama which explores real and imaginary situations.

Science

In Science Primary 2a have been learning about forces, pull/push and have recently started exploring the human skeleton.