

Read Write Inc.

We will be starting Read Write Inc again. Pupils will be set across different groups to ensure that they experience a good pace of new learning as well as having constant support. We assess pupils regularly and groups can change. Books will go home for extra practice. It is essential that these are read at home and returned on the following Monday.

Homework

Homework will be given in a grid format. The grid will cover all curricular learning areas and should be completed over a period of weeks. This allows flexibility for parents who work and we have received positive feedback about the format. Children should complete as many tasks as possible and parents should sign each grid box to show that tasks have been completed. Children will be encouraged to talk about their homework in class. Our first homework grid will be handed out on Monday 2nd of September.

Stay and play

I would like to begin regular drop-in sessions for Parents and Carers on Thursdays. Last year, Miss Dewar's P2 class took part in these Stay and Play sessions. The children were really happy and motivated to see their 'special adult' in class. Stay and play sessions are just an informal chance for you to pop into school at 3 pm on a Thursday so that your child can show you their class and share their learning with you. I hope to begin these regular sessions in October, once the children are settled in class and I will confirm the date with you. Mrs Kerr in our school office will send you a text message reminder of the date too. If you can't manage to come at 3 pm on Thursday, then we would ask that you please come into school and collect your child from the classroom at the end of the day. Please enter by the front door on that day. Everyone is welcome and I look forward to seeing you when we start the sessions in October.

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Welcome back

I hope that everyone is settling back into school and enjoying being in Primary 2/3. I am looking forward to encouraging pupils to aim high with all aspects of learning and to engage fully in Mayfield Primary School life. I can't wait to celebrate your child's learning and achievements this year.

Class information

PE

PE days are Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday the class have PE with Mr Cook, the PE teacher, and on Friday with me. Please make sure that your child has a full PE kit in school. This should consist of shorts, t-shirt and indoor gym shoes.

School uniform

It is great to see all pupils wearing their school uniform. Please make sure that everything is named for your child to read so they can find their belongings. If your child has lost anything, we have a red tray in the classroom for unclaimed belongings! Please come and check here first if something doesn't come home.

Mayfield Primary has a no tolerance approach to swearing or abuse towards staff or other pupils from anyone within our school community. We also have a positive behaviour policy.

Our class positive behaviour rules

1. We are kind and helpful.
2. We listen.
3. We work hard.
4. We are gentle.
5. We are truthful.
6. We look after property.

When your child follows our positive behaviour expectations, they receive a reward as encouragement. This may include a certificate, a note or phone call home, a sticker, extra playtime or a small toy.

Learning

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Pirates.' During this topic the children will be learning about life long ago and comparing it with their life today. The topic gives us lots of opportunities to encourage writing, for example: a wanted poster for a bad pirate who has cancelled the school holidays, a job advert for a pirate crew member, letters in a bottle and many other imaginative activities. We will look at compass points and grid references for treasure maps. We will also carry out some science and technology by testing materials that float in order to design and make our own pirate ships.

Show and tell

Children are encouraged to gain confidence in talking about their own experiences. Your child can participate in 'Show and Tell' on a Friday. Please ensure that anything brought in is made or found by them and if possible, relates to our class work.

End of the day

Thank you for making sure your child sees you when they come out of school at the end of the day. There are so many children leaving school by one exit at the moment so it really helps that your child can see you and leave promptly.

Parents supporting learning

Parent helpers are always welcome in class. If you wish to help or to share a special skill with the class, then please let me know at the end of the day. I am always available for any questions or worries then too.