

What to do if your child is unwell and working from home

If your child is unwell and is unable to complete their learning for the day from home, please call the school office. This then means that we can mark your child as absent and unwell, and relay this to the class teacher.

If your child is unwell and when feeling better would like to catch up on the learning that they have missed, you are more than welcome to do this and post on Seesaw/Google classroom.

Period Poverty

Our school has a supply of sanitary products for our pupils should they need them during this time of school closure.

To support our families a box with these items is situated at our main entrance, within the shutter.

Should your child require these products, please feel free to pop along.

Contacting our Families

Class teachers, office staff and our senior leadership are checking in with families.

Teachers will be introducing live check ins with pupils as soon as they can. Teachers may also contact your child to see how they are getting on at this time.

Office staff and our Senior Leadership Team are contacting families for a range of supports.

Please note that these calls may come from a withheld number and not the school number.

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Primary 2 Newsletter
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Welcome Back!

I hope you have all had a happy new year so far. It's been a bit different starting the new term at home, but a great experience all the same. January has been a very challenging start to the year and I'd like to just say a big thank you for all your hard work on Seesaw and sumdog. It's been great to see so much activity with the digital learning and the growth that our class has shown using this new platform. I hope we can get back in the classroom soon so we can all see each other properly and have fun in school together again.

What Learning Looks Like in P2

Literacy

We will continue to look at reading, writing, listening and talking through Seesaw. Pupils will continue to be sent a speed sound/green word lesson Mon-Thurs along with book focus or connected follow up activity to respond to via Seesaw. Pupils will have the opportunity to participate in some LIVE lessons through Seesaw, and share their work within their groups.

Alongside Read Write Inc we will continue to do Big Writing, looking at various literacy challenges week to week. Fortunately the first Big Writing challenge links in nicely with our new Space topic. You may have seen the introductory lessons to both of these on Seesaw in the last couple of weeks.

Weekly VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) activities will be taught, reinforcing what the children already know about capital letters, finger spaces and full stop; as well as more technical punctuation such as question marks, exclamation marks, speech marks and apostrophes. Big Writing is the focussed writing for each week, but it would be fantastic to see children that have the resources to hand to be able to practice their writing with the literacy activities.

Numeracy

In Primary 2 we will be focussing on a different domain for each day.

Monday: Numerals (ordering, sequencing, words and structures)

Tuesday: Counting strategies (addition and subtraction)

Wednesday: Counting strategies (multiplication and division)

Thursday: Symbols and Expressions (patterns and rules)

Friday: Fractions (halving, doubling and structure)

In maths pupils will be learning about money and time. They will continue to learn the value of coins and how to combine different coins to make certain values. We are looking forward to lots of photographs of you using these at home or out and about. We have also planned to look at measure and fractions in more detail throughout this term.

Health and Wellbeing

We have a very athletic and keen Primary 2 group this year, which makes organising and providing feedback on health and wellbeing/P.E lessons a pleasure for myself and Mr Cook. I've been enjoying getting involved in the classroom, but Mr Cook has been planning many of the health focussed lessons, and will continue to do whilst we are using the digital platform.

IDL

This term we are completing a mini topic on Space, including the fundamental knowledge of our planet and how we compare to world beyond our atmosphere. We will tie in some exciting science experiments which will link with numeracy and maths. You may have already started the lunar calendar task on Seesaw which was kindly shared by Miss Scott.

Teacher Comments and Feedback on Learning

During these times teachers in our school will feedback on the learning that has been prepared for pupils. We will provide a range of feedback linked to this from a simple like or tick to a more detailed response with a next step.

We are delighted that so many of our families are completing additional learning activities and are sharing these with us. If time allows, we will comment on these when we can.

Our teachers will comment as they can throughout the school day. I am one of the teachers currently working in school being supported by my peers working from home, who are ensuring that their own children are completing their own learning. As a result of this comments from teachers may occur at different times of the school day. We appreciate your support and patience with this.