

"Safe, Happy, Learning, Respectful"



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To achieve it, you must believe it!

Welcome to P2

Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to P2.

I am excited about the opportunity to get to know you and your child and look forward to a happy and productive school year. We have had a great week getting to know each other and settling into our new routines. We have been promoting the school values of **Safe, Happy, Learning, Respectful** and how they impact on our everyday practice. I am already so impressed by the polite manners, kindness and creative enthusiasm demonstrated.

Mrs McAra will be teaching in class every Wednesday. Pupils may work with PSAs (Pupil Support Assistants) to consolidate or extend learning. At Holm School we value parents as partners in education and welcome your support in all areas of the school.



Housekeeping - a few things to make it easier for your child...

Could I kindly ask that all belongings: clothes, indoor shoes, pack lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled to prevent loss of items. A water bottle should be brought in every day.

Children should have their own pencil case with sharpened handwriting pencils, colouring pens/pencils, sharpener with 'attached bin', rubber and glue stick. They may wish to take in a pad to draw/write in. These will be kept in pupil trays at the end of each day.



Our PE is on a Thursday and Friday and children are expected to change into a gym kit. Kits should be brought to school on Monday in a bag and kept in school until Friday so kits can be used for outdoor learning activities as they arise.

Children will be washing their hands several times a day, this may be soap and water or hand sanitiser. If your child has allergies you may wish to provide a suitable hand sanitiser.

Curriculum for Excellence

Learning will continue to follow the Curriculum for Excellence experiences and outcomes. However as outlined in Holm School's Improvement Plan we are focussing on Raising Attainment in Literacy through Talk for Writing, Maths and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.)

Pupils will continue to be fully involved in their learning through shared planning, identifying success criteria for learning intentions, evaluating and reflecting on their work. There will be a focus on active learning through pupil engagement in creative play and outdoor learning as part of daily learning experiences.



Health and Well-being

We will be investigating feelings and relating them to our own experiences. We will be widening our knowledge of SHANARRI (Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included.)

Literacy

Reading progression will be ongoing in school with reading books going home for pupils to share with parents. (Please ensure that your child knows all the initial sounds and ck, ff, ll, ss, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, wh, ng, nk, ai, ee)

Maths

We will be revising numbers to 100 and beyond. Please check that your child counts forwards and **back** across decade numbers 50, 49, 48 , saying them correctly. Please check that when recording there are no back-to-front numbers.



Homework

Children will be given out homework jotters to record their homework for the week. The homework should be completed and returned on Thursday. Homework may cover both literacy and maths and will provide children with an opportunity to consolidate their in-class learning.

Class Talks

Later in the session pupils will be asked to prepare a short class talk on a topic of their own choice. Parents should support their child to prepare for the talk. It is very helpful if relevant 'props' are brought in to focus on during the talk.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to make an appointment by contacting the school office. Please remember to check into the Holm School Blog to catch up with activities taking place in the classroom.

<https://sites.google.com/invernessroyalacademy.org.uk/holmprimary/home>

If you have not joined the Google Classroom yet, here is the code- zshy4ol

Warmest Regards
Miss McHardy