

Westquarter Primary School

Primary 1M Information



Adults in P1M

Class Teacher P1Q- Mrs McKay
Pastoral Responsibility – Mrs Elaine Ramsay
French- Mrs Jennifer Baxter (Monday)
Music – Mrs Thom (Wednesday)
PE – Miss McRae (Wednesday)
Other Adults – Miss Laura Leabody
- Mrs Lorraine Bell (SfLA)
- Mrs Karen MacNicol (SfLA)

Being Prepared for School

- **Uniform** – Please ensure all clothing is labelled. Especially jumpers and cardigans as these will be taken off regularly during the school day.
- **P.E. kit** – Children should wear their P.E. kit (bottoms, a polo shirt/t-shirt and suitable shoes) on their P.E. days which are Tuesday and Wednesday.
- **Water** - Children can bring a water bottle with them each day.
- **Snack** – Children should bring a small healthy snack with them each day. Children have 15 minutes for play time so this should be something they can eat quickly and still have time for playing.
- **School Lunches** – School lunches can be ordered in advance on ipay. Please discuss the choices with your child before making any selections.
- **Allergies** – There are children in our school who have serious nut allergies. No food containing nuts can be brought into school e.g. Nutella, kinder Buenos, breakfast bars etc. Please check the packaging of snacks if you are unsure.

Communication

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you this year to make sure that this is a positive and successful year for your child.

If you have any queries or concerns please email the school email address and I will get back to you as soon as possible. westquarterprimaryschool@education.falkirk.sch.uk Alternatively you can call the school on 01324 503950

Updates on your child's progress will be shared via 2 in person parent's evenings and their end of year report.

Regular updates regarding the learning we are doing in class will be posted on Dojo. Please note that there is an option to message class teachers on Dojo but we are unable to reply to these messages. All communication should be sent via the school email address or phone number.

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please contact the school in the first instance. Please notify the office of any appointments, informing us of when your child will arrive at school/be collected/arrive back. A reminder that children must be 48 hours clear of stomach bug symptoms and a temperature

Learning in Primary 1

- Children will spend the majority of their time in the classroom with Mrs McKay. Miss Leebody will be taking children for Helicopter Stories.
- Spelling – Primary 1 will be following Read Write Inc. This approach is taught by teaching new sounds each day and developing skills to decode and blend words.
- Reading – Children will work to develop a variety of reading skills through whole class stories and their own reading books. We will provide an update on when reading books will be sent home at a later date. This will not likely be until November. Reading books will link into Read Write Inc.
- Writing – To allow children to develop initial writing skills we use Foundations for Writing. Then we will progress to use an approach called Talk 4 Writing, this is used across Westquarter Primary. We will explore a model text which aligns with the writing topic. By memorising and internalising this model text, learners are provided with a clear structure to support them when it comes to writing their own texts.
- Maths – In P1 we will cover the following numeracy and maths topics: Whole Number, recognising and sequencing, Shape, Pattern, Data Handling, Addition, Subtraction, Money, Mental Maths Skills, Time, Measuring and Estimating, Position and Movement and Symmetry.
- IDL - IDL refers to child led topics that cover multiple curricular areas. Here are some examples of topics that have been covered in Primary 1 in previous years: Minibeasts, Habitats, Scotland, Toys and Space.

Rights Respecting Schools Westquarter's Rights Journey

- Westquarter Primary is working on the Rights Respecting Schools Award.
- We have achieved our Silver Award and are working towards Gold.
- Pupils learn about the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and their rights in class.
- Each class will set up a Class Charter which is an agreement as a class about how the Rights of the Child will be respected.
- Pupils are **Rights Holders** and adults in school and at home are **Duty Bearers**.
- Children may discuss this with you at home. Please let us know if you would like any more information.

Article 42

All adults and children should know about this convention.

GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING

SILVER
RIGHTS AWARE

BRONZE
RIGHTS COMMITTED

Our Values & Expectations

IT'S OK TO BE
DIFFERENT

inclusive

honest



trustworthy

kind



Westquarter Way



Our Routines

Wonderful Walking
Lovely Lines
Clap for Quiet
Meet and Greet



Our Positive Consequences



Recognition Board
Postcard Home
Phone Call Friday
'Cool to be Kind' Club
Mrs Ramsay's Golden Book



Our Related, Respectful and Reasonable Consequences



1. Warning, Reflect and Correct
2. Restorative Conversation
→ Consequence
3. Phone call home/meeting between teacher & parent
4. Referral to Mrs Boyle or Mrs Downie
5. Referral to Mrs Ramsay

