



'Meet the Teacher'

Hello and
Welcome to New
Zealand Class!

Mrs McTiffen and Miss Duignan - Class Teachers

Curriculum



Our themes for the year....

Year 3/4	Stone Age to Iron Age (History)  (Yellow, Grey, Blue, Green)	Flow (Geography)  (Blue, Purple)	Predators & Prey (Science)  (Red, Green)	Urban Pioneers (Geography)  (Yellow, Purple)	Tremors (Geography)  (Grey)	Romans (History)  (Teal, Magenta, Yellow, Green, Blue)
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Curriculum

<p>English -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be writing stories inspired by 'Stone Age Boy'. We will also be writing instructions.</p> <p>2nd half term: We will study and analyse poetry about rivers. We will write our own pieces of poetry.</p>	<p>Maths -</p> <p>1st half term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place Value • Addition and Subtraction <p>2nd half term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and Subtraction • Multiplication and Division 	<p>Science -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be learning all about rocks.</p> <p>2nd half term: During the second half term we will be learning about Forces and Magnets.</p>
<p>PE -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be swimming every Wednesday. Mrs Castle will take the children for outdoor PE on a Tuesday afternoon.</p> <p>2nd half term: Dance will start in the <u>hall</u>. The day will be confirmed closer to the time. Mrs Castle will teach outdoor PE.</p>	<p>Spanish -</p> <p>The children will be taught Spanish each week by Miss Bell. During the Autumn term, they will cover: Greetings, saying how we're feeling, numbers up to 12, saying our age, naming colours and Christmas in Spain.</p>	<p>History -</p> <p>1st half term: Stone Age!</p> <p>We will learn all about life during the Stone Age. We will explore this through our history lessons, as well as through a range of texts; including, 'Stig of the Dump'.</p>
<p>Geography -</p> <p>2nd half term: Flows!</p> <p>During the second half term, we will be learning about rivers. This will include how rivers are formed and why rivers are so important to us.</p>	<p>Art -</p> <p>1st half term - We will be exploring warm and cool colours. We will also investigate cave paintings, using 'The First Drawing' as a stimulus.</p>	<p>D&T -</p> <p>2nd half term - We will be making water wheels during our Design and Technology lessons.</p>
<p>RE -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be learning about the Creation Story, followed by Dharma.</p> <p>2nd half term: We will be investigative Incarnation.</p>	<p>Music -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be learning a song called 'Let your Spirit Fly'.</p> <p>2nd half term: We will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel.</p>	<p>Computing -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be learning about how to be safe online.</p> <p>2nd half term: We will be revisiting and extending our understanding of Coding.</p>
<p>RHE -</p> <p>1st half term: We will be learning about Drugs and Tobacco.</p> <p>2nd half term: We will be learning about bullying.</p> <p>Please note that all RHE lessons follow our curriculum and are age-appropriate.</p>		

New Zealand Class Timetable



- PE will be on a Tuesday (outside) and Swimming will be on a Wednesday.
- Spelling lists will be assigned on Google Classroom each week. The children will have a Spelling Quiz each Thursday.
- Homework this term is a grid from which the children can choose. We would like the children to complete one piece of homework each week. Please upload onto Google Classroom or send via NZ class email.
- The timetable is flexible and will change each week depending on what we need to focus on, but Maths and English will be covered daily.



New Zealand- Reading

- Reading Records will be checked every day.
- Your child will access whole class guided reading and group guided reading weekly with Miss Duignan. This will sometimes be recorded in Reading Records.
- Please read with your child every day, if at all possible. We will give the children 5 dojos for each time that they read. In the comments section, please leave comments sharing anything that your child has struggled with and highlighting what they have done well. Please do write any direct quotes.
- Reading books - To read with fluency, your child should be able to read 9/10 words.
- Please do let us know if you would be available to come in and hear readers.

Handwriting



- As a school we have developed our cursive handwriting policy, which has both lead ins and lead outs. We have all been learning this policy from Year 1 to Year 6.

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School Uniform



- Please make sure all uniform is labelled, including P.E. kits and coats.
- If you notice the name is starting to wear off, please could you write it in again so we know to whom items belong.
- Children should be wearing sensible black school shoes (no black trainers) at all times. If there is a problem and they need to wear trainers for medical reasons, please let us know.
- Navy blue round neck (school) jumpers should be worn. Hoodies and tracksuit tops are not acceptable as school uniform.
- Please make sure all clothing follows school policy.

What to bring to school



- PE kits should be brought in every Monday and taken home each Friday to be washed.
- Book bags/rucksacks - the children bring home letters, books etc all week and need their bags to carry everything.
- Current reading book and reading record should be in school everyday to allow them to be monitored.
- Lunch.
- Water bottle - named where possible.

Our Behaviour Policy



- In New Zealand class, we aim to follow both our Golden Rules and Class Charter every day.
- Good behaviour, including good listening, is rewarded with dojo points. If a child reaches a weekly target 5 times in the year, they will receive a bronze badge. If they reach the target 15 times, they will receive a silver badge. If they reach the target 25 times they will receive a gold badge.
- Every week, the child with the most dojo points will be given a 'Dojo Champion' certificate.
- Gentle reminders and a restorative approach is undertaken to address any poor behaviour.

Health and Safety



- Please can you check your child for head lice (nits) on a weekly basis. Catching head lice is very common among young children and can be easily treated using products purchased from your local chemist.
- Ways to try to avoid catching them -Tying back long hair where possible.. Should your child contract head lice, it is recommended the whole family are treated to prevent them spreading.
- Girls MUST take earrings out for P.E. lessons and should hair tied back at all times. Staff are not permitted to help children remove earrings. Should you be thinking about having your child's ears pierced, it is recommended you do this over the summer holidays so that they may be removed easily when they return to school in September.
- P.E. is part of the National Curriculum and ALL children must participate. A doctor's letter is required for exclusion from P.E.

Any Questions?



- If there is anything that you are curious or concerned about, please do email us on our class email address:

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- Thank you for listening! ☺