



Welcome to
P3/4

2025/26

Teacher: Mrs McLean

Classroom Assistant: Mrs Moran

Classroom Values

Promote
Independence and
initiative

Show respect for
others and
property.

Build confidence
and increase self-
esteem

Celebrate our
achievements

Develop
social skills

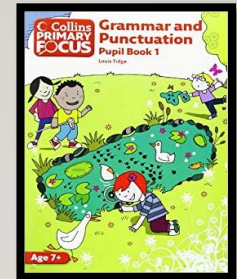
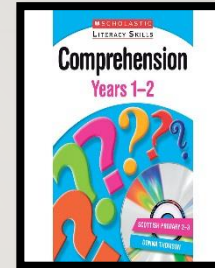
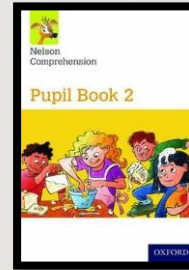
Build resilience – F.A.I.L. (First Attempts in Learning)

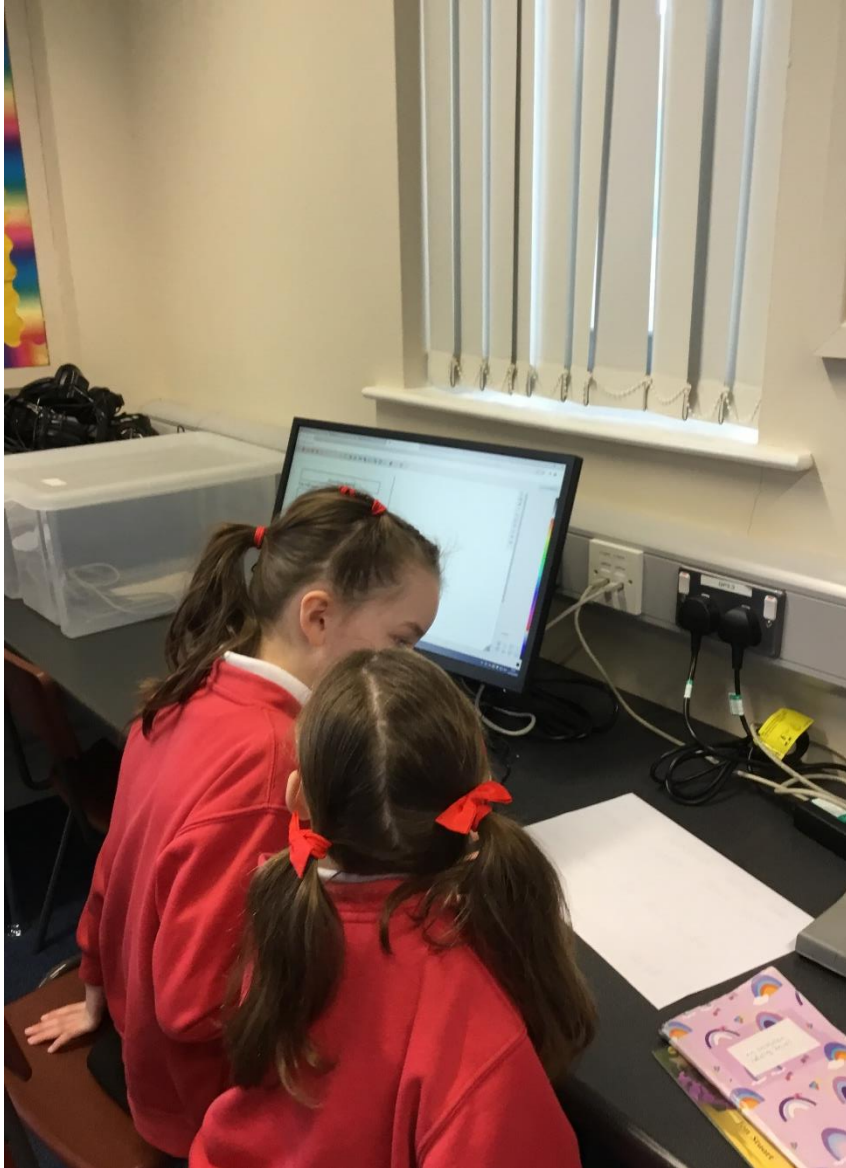
Take responsibility for our actions

New Team Teaching Approach P1-4 and P4-P7 collaborative lessons

LITERACY

- Phonics and Spellings – follow the Synthetic Phonics Scheme Jolly Grammar. Weekly spelling lists incorporate high frequency words and focus on a particular phonics sound. These are tested every Friday.
- Grammar – P3 sentence structure, opposites, compound words, nouns, verbs and adjectives.
- P4 –conjunctions, tenses, contractions, commas, dictionary skills etc.
- Comprehension – literal, inference, prediction and retelling skills through varied styles of text.
- Creative Writing – teacher guidance to write letters, stories, recounts, reports, poems and instructions.
- Talking and Listening – retelling stories, poems and events. Listening to and valuing others' ideas.





Word processing instructions about how to make fizzy moons.



USING IPADS TO PHOTOGRAPH NOUNS IN OUR PLAYGROUND.

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READING



Pupils' reading is regularly assessed to establish their reading level and to formulate reading groups. Reading groups may be re-organized throughout the year depending on individual pupil's progress.

Pupils read in class three times per week. Sight reading, using phonics sounds to decode words, comprehension skills and identifying grammar points are incorporated into each reading session. This prepared reading is allocated as the reading homework. Pupils complete a weekly written reading activity on Fridays. This is an informal way of assessing their sight reading and comprehension of the text.

It is essential that parents listen to their child read aloud and sign the Reading Record Book every night.

OUR STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING NUMERACY

PRACTICAL
ACTIVITIES

I.C.T. SKILLS

GAMES

WRITTEN
RECORDING

MENTAL
STRATEGIES

PROBLEM
SOLVING





Number

- Number bonds to 20
- Odd and even numbers to 100
- Money up to 99p
- Fractions – halves of shapes and numbers
- Add and subtract tens and units
- Counting in multiples of two, five and ten
- Using symbols $<$ $>$ $=$
- Rounding numbers to the nearest ten



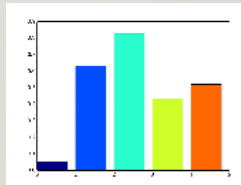
Time and Measures



- O' clock, half past and a quarter past to in analogue and digital time
- Days, months and seasons
- Weight, Capacity and Length – ordering amounts and measuring with non-standard units

Data Handling

- Gathering information using tally marks
- Pictograms and Block Graphs
- Intersecting Venn Diagram
- Two box Carroll Diagram



Shape, Position and Movement

- Recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes
- Symmetry of pictures and shapes.
- Directions and prepositions



Number



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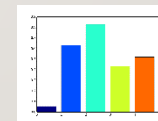


- Add and subtract within 999
- Money up to £9.99
- Fractions – halves and quarters of shapes and numbers
- Multiplication – 2x 3x 4x 5 x and 10x tables

- Half past, a quarter past and a quarter to in analogue and digital time
- The Calendar
- Weight, Capacity and Length – introduce and use standard units
- Area – using non standard units to cover surfaces

- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Grid referencing and co-ordinates
- Symmetry of pictures and shapes.
- Compass points and directions

Data Handling

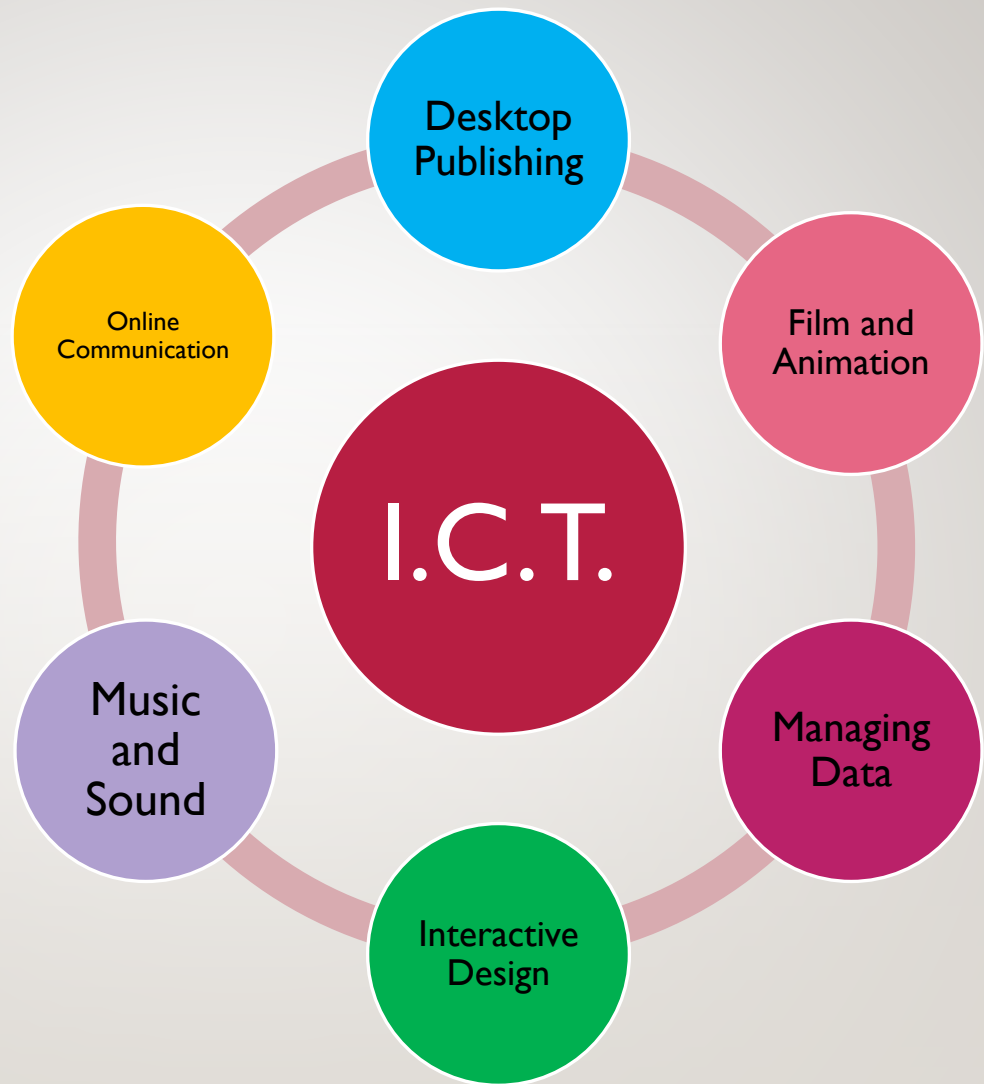


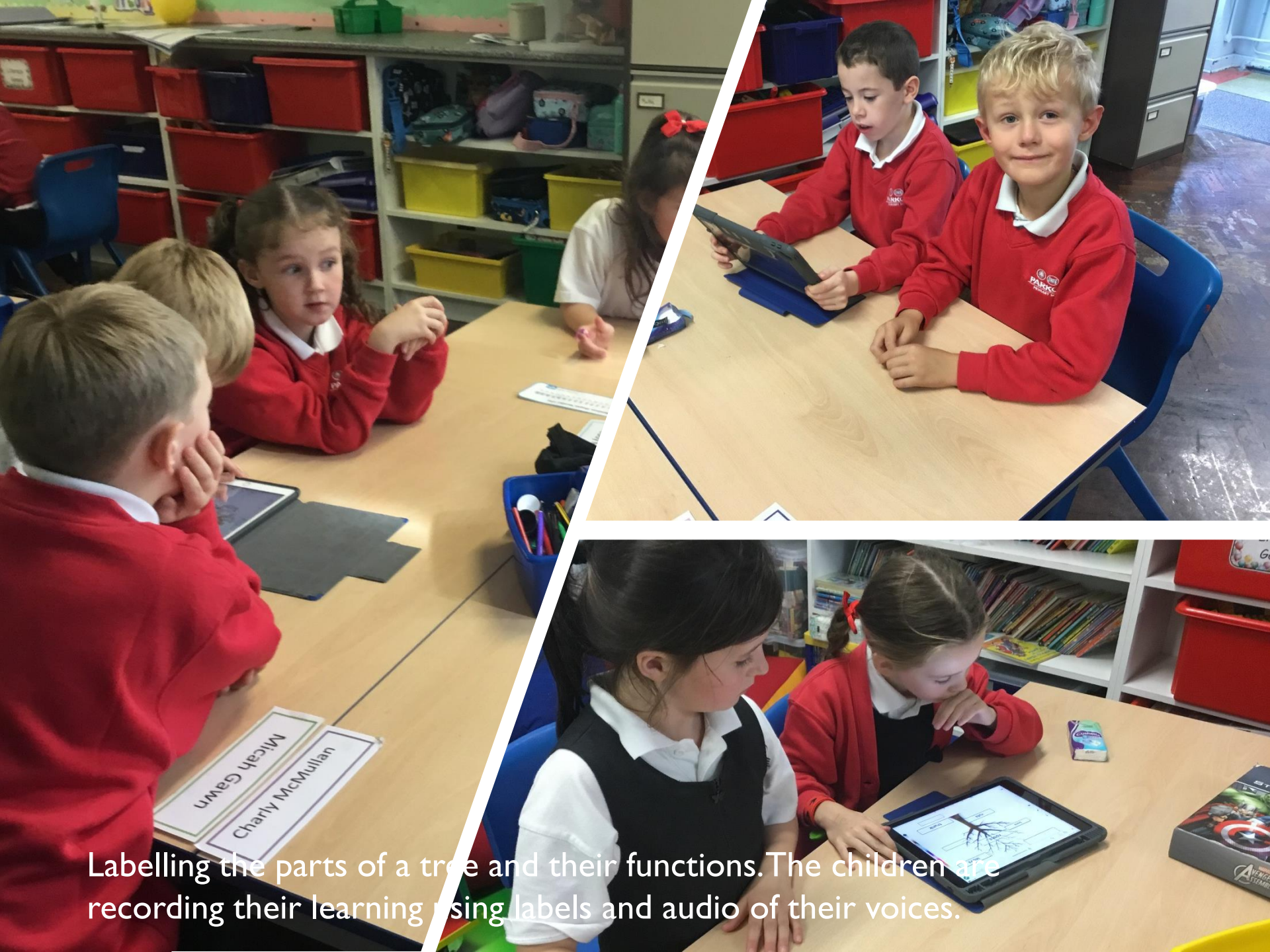
Compiling and interpreting:

- Bar Graphs
- Venn, Carroll and Tree Diagrams



Safety online is an integral part of the I.C.T. curriculum.





Labelling the parts of a tree and their functions. The children are recording their learning using labels and audio of their voices.

The World Around Us



- Compare and contrast the seasons.
- Parts of a tree/plant.
- Life cycles.
- Woodland Habitats
- Deforestation.

Trees
and
Seasons

- 1969 Moon Landings.
- Solar System.
- How astronauts live in Space.
- Effects of gravity
- History of space travel

Space

Castles

- Parts of a medieval castle
- Life in a castle
- Weapons and defence.

Famous
People

- Neil Armstrong
- Tim Peake
- Florence Nightingale

S.T.E.M.
Science
Technology
Engineering
Maths

CREATIVE SUBJECTS



Music – Listen and respond to music, sing songs, play percussion instruments and compose sound stories.



Art activities are taught through TWAU and PDMU topics.



Drama is taught through Literacy and I.C.T. Pupils grow in confidence by performing in front of their peers.





Observational drawings of autumn leaves and pinecones.



Bubble wrap printing to create spring flowers

ASSESSMENT

Term One

- Reading Running Record in September.
- P3 CAT4 Standardised Test
- Phonics and spellings assessments in December

Term Two

- Mid year class assessments (Numeracy and Comprehension)
- Reading Running Record in January
- Phonics and spellings assessments in March

Term Three

- End of year class assessments (Numeracy and Comprehension)
- P4 - Standardised tests PTE and PTM in May
- Reading Running Record in June
- Phonics, Spellings and Mental Maths assessments in June

Informal assessment tasks and tests will be continuous throughout the year.

HOMework TIMETABLE

Monday	Written Literacy/Numeracy homework Reading Spellings Learn Mental Maths facts
Tuesday	Written Literacy/Numeracy homework Reading Spellings Learn Mental Maths facts
Wednesday	Written Literacy/Numeracy homework Reading Spellings Learn Mental Maths facts
Thursday	Spellings Mental Maths facts
Friday	Correct mistakes in the Friday Assessment Book.

All content has been covered in class. P3 homework should take 20 – 30 minutes to complete. P4 homework should take 30-40 minutes per night.

Reading, spellings and learning maths facts are the most important elements of homework.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

- **Water bottles** Pupils have access to them all day.

- **Healthy Break Policy**

- **Healthy lunchboxes**



- **P.E.** -

- **PDMU** “Food – a Fact for Life” scheme
Roots of Empathy

Pantasaurus – NSPCC
Developing positive attitudes to
learning
Children’s Mental Health Week
Anti- Bullying Week





CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Principal and Designated Teacher:

Deputy Designated Teacher:

Chair of Board of Governors:

Mrs Ferguson

Mrs McLean

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 24th September McMillan Coffee Afternoon
- 27th September School Development Day
- 17th October Harvest Hooley
- 22nd October Parent Consultations
- 23rd October Parent Consultations
- 27th October Mid – Term Holiday Week
- 28th November School Open Afternoon
- 9th December Provisional Christmas Concert Date



Thank you for attending and I
look forward to a positive year
ahead.

