

What do we want to achieve this year?

We intend to:

- increase the range of extra-curricular activities we offer to pupils
- introduce a restorative approach to enhance our positive behaviour policy
- review and improve our homework policy and procedures with input from pupils and parents
- provide clear and informative advice for parents on a range of issues by holding information events and producing appropriate literature
- develop a clear, focused progression of skills programme in literacy and mental maths
- improve our attainment in literacy and numeracy by ensuring our pupils needs are identified and planned for effectively
- extend the opportunities for pupil leadership by introducing House Captains and a Pupil Learning Forum
- continue our endeavours to improve the school's outdoor learning facilities
- revisit with staff some basic principles of effective learning and teaching and formative assessment strategies
- ensure effective tracking of pupil achievement by using the 'On Track with Learning' planning tool

Mattocks Primary School



Summary of 2013 – 2014 Improvement Plan

Angus Education Service

Towards a Shared Vision

We are committed to realising the potential of all children, young people, communities and staff by:

- putting people at the heart of all we do
- nurturing an ethos of achievement
- striving for sustainable improvement
- working co-operatively

How well did we do last year?

- School aims have been revised with all stakeholders involved
- Children's are more involved in school improvement and have been given more responsibility through the prefects system, Eco Council, Pupil Council and the website team
- Learning journals have created better home/ school links with parents more involved in their child's learning
- All staff have completed First Steps in Number training
- A successful plan for monitoring and evaluating learning and teaching has been implemented
- Children are regularly involved in the creation of success criteria to support their learning.
- "Mirror Visit" have been introduced to support the process of moderation

What are our aims as a school?

At Mattocks we strive to:

- be a safe and happy school for pupils and staff
- make a place where learning is interesting and fun
- create good relationships with our community to share in our learning
- understand that we are all unique and each bring our own strengths and talents
- care for our environment in a responsible way
- always be the best we can be

How do we know?

Evidence is gathered in a variety of ways. We value discussions with parents and pupils and regularly seek feedback from them as to how we are doing. Various surveys have been conducted throughout the year and the results used to inform decision making. The standards of learning and teaching are monitored by the Head Teacher through learning visits to classrooms and sampling of pupils' work. The school's link Quality Improvement Officer visits the school to observe and discuss the impact of our planned developments and feeds back judgments and recommendations to guide us further.