

1921 A Day in the Schoolroom: Overview of Lessons

Standards 1 and 2 – you will be working with the Junior Assistant Mistress for the first part of this morning. You will begin with your conversation lesson, which for today will be about dogs. A conversation lesson, of course, is where you will learn to express yourselves clearly and fluently and in good language. This will teach you to speak in proper sentences, which will help with your oral compositions as you move up through the standards.

Standards 3, 4 and 5 – I will be working with you on your penmanship. As you are no longer considered to be the youngest, you will soon stop using slate boards and pencils and will instead be using pen and ink. To write with a clear hand will see you advance in the future – some of you older children would do well to remember that!

Standard 6 and 7 – and some of my more able pupils from standard 5 – you will begin your arithmetic lesson. You can see the sums here upon the board, I expect you to have them perfectly solved. You will begin however by reciting your 14 times tables – Mary, you will lead them in it.

Once all of this work has been completed to my satisfaction you older boys will work upon your Elementary Science work with me. This week we will be investigating the parts of an apple, which you will draw and label in your books. Girls – you will go to the Junior Assistant Mistress and she will give you your needlework lesson. Today's lesson is on making buttonholes.

Then we will come back together for our Physical Drill.

So. Infants – the Junior Assistant Mistress is ready. Standards 6 and 7 – begin with your multiplication tables. Standards 3, 4 and 5, have your copy books ready.