1914
Jan 5 Re-opened school
6 W Harrison, H.M.I., visited to day, remaining till 3.40 pm.
12 Have received the Med. Cards from Office; - also Circular M.1.26 requiring certain information to be tabulated and returned to the office. It will take so much time that I have asked one of my assistants to get out the facts, while I continue the teaching (with her class) in my room.
13 Wm Wright absent ill to day
14 Have sent in the Medical Cards of Children who have left School during the last five years, and also the list as required
19 I have leave of absence from the Managers this afternoon, to attend the funeral of our late Sexton at 2.30.
A meeting of the Managers was held to-night, when the School Report was discussed, etc.

Jan 23 The two large rooms were to-night required for a political meeting, a concert, etc.

30 Miss Alice Hewitt finished her temporary engagement here, (as teacher to the Infant class) to-day.

Feb 2 Miss Kathleen Wright returned from Wellingborough on Friday afternoon. She is suffering from Tonsilitis, and is receiving medical attendance, as is quite unfit to be in school. - Resumed on the 4th

Feb 5 Memo written to Mr. S. Smith, the Coal & Coke contractor, asking why the ton of Coals (marked urgent) ordered on Jan 20 have not been sent. We are supplying coals from our own private source, and ever since Mr. Smith has put us to the greatest inconvenience in not attending to the School order.

6 Coals came.

1914

Feb 10 Mr Norris, attendance officer, has brought me the following List of Holidays for the Current Year. (Form 118)

a Feb 25: One day Ash Wednesday

b Midday Ap 9: To Ap 21 Easter

c May 12 One day (May-day old reckoning)

d May 21 One day Ascension Day

e May 29 To June 9 Whitsuntide (including June Holiday)

f Aug 3 One day Bank Holiday

g Harvest Holidays: 4 weeks according to the Harvest

h Oct 5 One day Feast Monday

i Dec 23 -1914 Jany 11 (1915) Christmas time

Signed with usual Signatures

Feb 13 Mr Norris visited to-day.

20 I understand that Hilda Langley has left school

25 (Ash Wednesday) School closed ... I am busy in preparing my Schemes for next year; Requisition List, etc

Abstract of Schemes for 1914 - 1915

Copy

St ~~IV & VI~~ Frank H Wright Teacher

Reading: The Graphic Historical Reader.
" Geographical Readers
The Avon Nature Study Readers
Silent Readers

Recitations: Various

Writing: Copy Books and Special B. B. work

Composition: (1) Reproduction of anecdotes; (2) Master's Lessons, especially describing the experiments; (3) Letters and Notes to the Master to enable him to compile "The School Weekly Letter" which is written up during the week, and circulated on Friday, as it has been for many years.

Grammar: Parsing: Simple Analysis; Punctuation: correction of localisms a few rules of grammar.

Arithmetic: St ~~V. VI~~ (to be treated as one class) and to work Simple Proportion;

suitable Bills of Parcels: Simple V. Fractions and Decimals: Simple Interest and Simple Mensuration: the elements of the Metric System

St. IV. – Knowledge of the Common Weights and Measures (with Rules) – Reduction of the same – problems in money sums – aliquot parts – introduction to Fractions

Mental Work – In both classes to suit the written work.

Drawing: – Memory Work – Sketching from natural objects – pen and ink sketches – a little knowledge of perspective – a little colour work with leaves, twigs, flowers, etc

Music: – Voice production – time and tune – to sing a simple passage in Tonic Solfah syllables from Old Notation – also to sing National and good songs in unison – a few rounds.

Schemes (1914 – 15) continued

Needlework: Knitting socks and stockings — making garments — cutting out — specimens according to Code

Geography: (1) Canada
(4) Western Europe. (Norway, Denmark, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, etc.)

History: From 1605 to 1688. Fourth Historical Reader.

Hygiene Personal and Household

Physical Drill: Selected from the Official Manual

Elementary Science: Light – Sound – Heat – simple mechanics — various gases — with experiment by means of simple apparatus: Animal Life — Plant life.

Wireless Work: – Children to know the Morse Code, and to practise both by means of a "buzzer" and also at the School Aerial and Wireless apparatus

General Information: – To have lessons and "talks" on various current topics of the day — to understand the use of a few scientific apparatus, etc

See page 139. Important alteration

Scheme of Work (Continued).

1914 – 1915.

Standards 2 + 3. Teacher: Elsie Tustoni (Uncertificated)

Reading: Std 2. (1) Palmerston Reader. (2) Historical Reader.
(3) Geographical Reader. (4) Story Readers.
Std. 3. (1) Graphic Historical Reader.
(2) Graphic Geographical Reader.
(3) Story Readers.

Writing: Mostly from special lessons on the Blackboard. Dictation. Composition etc.

Arithmetic: Std. 2. Very simple sums in the first four rules of money. Simple reduction. Scheme B. Mental to suit above.
Std. 3. To know the four Compound Rules: Small problems to suit the rules. Preparatory work to suit Std IV. Mental work to suit the written work.

English. To understand the two chief parts of a sentence and how a simple sentence may be enlarged by modifications or qualifications. To have knowledge of simple punctuation.

Scheme (1914 – 1915) continued.

English cont: Lessons on the Possessive Case. The whole to lead to correct speaking.

Recitations: With knowledge of meanings and allusions.

Object Lessons: On various Nature Studies: Natural Phenomena: Manufactures: Observational and general knowledge.

Physical Exercises: To adhere as far as possible to the Syllabus laid down in Physical Exercises: Official Manual – as trunk bending – deep breathing etc. Occasional Hygiene Lessons.

Music: To sing at sight a series of notes in the key of C, containing an F# contradicted by F♮. Exercises in Time – Tune – a little ear training. Songs & rounds

History: Period – From the time of Thomas á Becket to Wolfe.

Geography: Knowledge of the village – of the Midlands – with Northampton as a centre – a general knowledge of England.

Drawing: To be able to draw simple objects –

to encourage memory drawing – leaves – twigs – bulbs, etc.

Needlework: Std. 2. Knitting vests etc; specimens, garments.
Std. 3. " socks: specimens, garments.
A little cutting out in both standards.

Scheme of Work (1914-1915)

Standard I Teacher: Martha Lane (Supplementary)

Reading: To read Palmerston Readers.
" " Historical Readers
" " Geographical Readers.
" " Story Books.

Writing: Transcription - Dictation from Reading Bks.

Composition: To make short sentences.
Give a description of pantomime actions arranged by Teacher.

Arithmetic: - First four rules. Scheme B. Mental.

History: - To understand a plan - map - chief points of a compass - Bugbrooke - chief definitions - shape and motions of the earth - people of other lands.

English: - Recitations - To carry verbal messages - correct localisms - to know the noun

and verb - Formations of plurals - use of capital letters.

Elementary Science: Lessons in Nature Study - Manufactured articles - Observational and natural phenomena with experiments.

Music: The Staff Notation - Time Tests - Easy time and tune - Songs - note value - Ear. tests.

Physical Exercises: Suitable for the Standard taken from the official manual.

Needlework: - Knitting and sewing - making garments.

Drawing: - To draw simple objects - birds etc. Memory Drawing.

Scheme of Work for Infants 1914 - 15

Leader: Alice E. Wright Asst

1st Class

Reading: The Palmerston 1st Reader. Stories & Fables.

W Building: From reading lessons, and from B.B.

Writing: Sentences from Reader. Sounds of letter Transcribed

Arithmetic: Numbers to 30. Addition & Subtraction.

Recitation: 12 to be Taught during the year

Object Lesson 24 to be given during the year Conversational lessons are to be frequently given.
Music Old Notation. Mod Practice 12 songs
Drawing Outline of common objects. Flowers etc
Physical Drill Simple exercises, Breathing exercise
Needlework Hemming and knitting
Varied Occ Clay Modelling. Paper Modelling
Kindergarten Games

Teacher: Alice E Wright (1st Assist)

2nd Class
Reading Palmerston Primer I and II
Writing All capital & small letters & Building from blackboard
Arithmetic Teaching of Numbers to 20
Recitation Taken with 1st Class
Object Lesson " "
Singing & Drill " "
Varied Occ Clay Modelling, Paper Cutting, Brick building

Teacher: (Kathleen Wright Supplementary)

3rd Class (Babies)
Reading Form of letter re sound & Clay Modelling.
Arithmetic Counting to 10
Varied Occ. Stick laying, Bead threading, Wool sorting. Brick building. & Kg. Games

Singing & Recitation Nursery Rhymes

1914

March 9 Miss Kathleen Wright returns to Wellingborough to-day for three weeks. — Miss A Hewitt is re-engaged to assist in the Infant School for the same period.

11 Miss Hewitt was taken very ill at School to-day, and we were obliged to get her home without delay

14 Miss K. Wright has leave to continue at her duties here this week at any rate, to see how Miss Hewitt progresses

18 Examined the registers and found them quite correct. Lunch. W. Harrison.

20 Miss Elsie Tustain absent to day — Ill.

23 Miss Hewitt is still very ill, and unable to resume work. — Miss Kathleen Wright has returned to Wellingboro to-day — Under the circumstances, we have been advised to engage Dorothy Gilkes (of the village) to see after the babies for a fortnight commencing to-day (March 23)

Important alteration: To save re-writing the whole of St^d I. 2. & 3 Syllabus, I wish here to explain that as it was not necessary to make any alteration in the classification (which has only just been decided), I shall revert to the old system of keeping St^d I & II together, — St^d III a separate class just as before.

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With Schemes for 1914 - 15

Probable Disposition of Classes.

No (after April 1st 1914.

Upper	1st Class	St. III. V. VI	(62)	Frank H. Wright: Certa
	2nd Class	St. III & II	36	Elsie Justa Wright: Certa
	3rd Class	St. I	20	Martha Lane: Suppl.
Infants	1st Class		16	Alice E. Wright: Cert. Assist.
	2nd Class		16	Do Do
	3rd Class	Babies	14	Kathleen Wright: Suppl.
		Total	164	

Note The First Class (St. III. V. VI) commences on April 1st with high numbers, but is reduced during the year by 30%

The Infant Class begins on Ap. I with smaller numbers, but rapidly increases as the warmer weather sets in.

1915 March

Monday

30 :- As the Returns for the Quarter asked for by the Local Education Committee have to be made up to last Friday, March 27, but as the Returns required by the Ed. Dep^t for Form IX, etc., have to be made up to tomorrow night (Tuesday, March 31st), involving to a great extent a double calculation of figures, I am this week face-to-face with a very large amount of clerical work, which must be done without delay.

Ap 3 Dorothea Gilkes ceased her fortnights engagement to-day (as monitress) with the Baby-class, vice Miss Alice Hewett, who was too ill to return.

Ap 6 Miss Kathleen Wright, (who has finished her time at Wellingboro'), resumed duties to-day.

Examined the registers and found them quite correct.

Ernest G. Hannis.

1914

April 9 (Thursday) School closed to-day for the Easter vacation

" 20 (Monday) School re-opened to-day. - Received Form (Circular) 372, which I will fill up to-day. - Also Form H.I.T.B, (relating to Miss Lottie Ratledge).

April 29. Mr Hartley H.M. Inspector of Schools.

" 30 Miss Lottie Ratledge, and George Collins, who have been sent here under Circular H.I.T.B since the 21st and 22nd inst respectively, finish their respective trial to-day, but both promise to be here on Monday next for the day.

May 1 School closed for the day (May Day)

" 7 Albert Bates and Ernest Tarry are unwell

" 13 Mr Norris visited

" 21 (Thursday) School closed by order of the Local Managers, for the Holiday)

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May 21

Have received the School Report, as follows:- E.B. 9770/14

Inspected on 29th April, 1914

Report by H.M.I. Wm Hartley

"The staff of teachers in the Mixed Division consisting of the Head Master, an uncertificated assistant and a supplementary assistant, is insufficient for the 120 children in attendance. By the present arrangement, the Head Master has a class of sixty children in three Standards in the main-room, whom he teaches single-handed as a rule. On occasions, the supplementary teacher is withdrawn from her own Class to assist the Head Master and an older boy or girl is sent to take her place with Standard III."

Signed {Ernst. W. Harrison.

Chairman of Local Managers

1914

May 27 W. Norris, attendance officer, visited

29 (Friday) Closed the school this afternoon for the usual Whitsuntide Holiday.

June

8 (Monday): Re-opened school. Closed for the afternoon only, in consequence of the June Holiday.

Formal Recognition

Have received letter 14/6/32, dated June 5 stating that Miss Kathleen Wright was recognised as a Supplementary Teacher of Infants Classes in Mixed Department

Signed and Dated

10 Board meeting to-night. I was called in to speak in reference to the appointment of Lottie Ratledge as P.T in due course

16 W. Norris, attendance officer, called

17 W. Shaw, Drawing Inspector visited to-day (Wednesday)

Std I & II.- To do very little pencil work.. To use pastels and tinted paper, and to do rougher work with chalk on cartboards.

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June 17

Visit of W. Shaw (Drawing Insp') Continued

Stand III & IV: — A little more cedar pencil work to be admitted. — but to sketch associated objects, ergo: — ① a shoe, a brush, and a blacking tin; ② a pail, a scrubbing brush, and a lump of soap; ③ a coal box with coals, and a dustpan; ④ a ginger beer bottle, a glass half filled with water, etc. ✓

St V & VI: — He encouraged the outside sketching work, — not to draw a gate without the posts, — to sketch door-ways, crosses, stiles, tree roots, etc — In very hot, or cold, or damp weather to repeat them in colour.

JSW ✓

1914

June 25 Have re-arranged the Classes in the Upper School, to meet-as far as possible the statistics I gave Mr. Hartley on his visit on Ap 29

July 1 Mr. Norris called

2 This Lane about a short time on school business.

3 Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, Henry Derby, a 4th-Std boy in this school, went into the Canal to bathe, and was unfortunately drowned. He was a bright, intelligent, lad, and we are all most grieved at his sad death. In the afternoon of to-day, the school-children subscribed handsomely towards a wreath. The funeral is tomorrow (Saturday)

10 It has been exceedingly hot, (especially during the afternoons of) this week. At moments, the children have hardly known how to continue their work.

July 13th Examined Registers & found all correct
Charles Lovell.

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July 17 Have been busy over the July examinations this week.

22 At the meeting of the Local Managers, it was decided to close the schools for the Harvest Vacation on Friday to Augst 31st.

28 Miss Lane has leave of absence this afternoon.

31 Closed school to-day at 3.40 for the usual Harvest Holidays.

Augst 2 War declared with Germany. P.O. Telegraph officials dismantle my wireless.

Augst 31 Re-opened school.

Sept 9 Wl Sgt Harris, our attendance officer, visited, and informed me that in all probability he should be sent to the "front"

10 Post officials again visited, and made a "raid" on my coherers, condensers, telephones, etc.. Amateur wireless stations all over the country (they tell me) are being "raided" in the same way to-day, so I have nothing to complain of.

17 I find that Wl Sgt Harris has re-enlisted for the "front". I sincerely hope to see him at some future time well and unscathed.

1914

Sep 25 Miss Lottie Ratledge commenced duties as P.T

Sep 28 (Monday afternoon) Miss Lane too ill to attend school

29 Received notice from the Ed: Com^tee. Sec^y that W. S. Panter was about to take up the duties of attendance Officer pro tem

30 (Wednesday) Miss Lane resumed duties this morning.

Oct 8th 2. m. - Took 1st class out for N. S., and Discipline

12th Walk. - 1/2 :- Miss L. Wright too ill to be in school.

13 W. Panter, attendance officer, visited to day

14 I am sorry to say that during the last three weeks I have lost six or seven of my 1st Class scholars

20 We were visited to-day by our old scholar, Pte Eric Poole, (who arrived from Egypt yesterday); and at my request he gave the 1st Class an address on Egypt, etc. It was a most interesting lesson. JBW

21 (Trafalgar Day). - As far as possible we have carried out the suggestions contained in Circular 434, received from the Sec^y to C. C. this morning

1914

Oct 27 1st Class: Nature Study walk

Nov 4 W. Parker, attendance officer, visited

Nov 9 We are very busy in connection with the eye-testing of the children who have to go before the Medical Officer.

" 16 We are busy with the weighing of the children

" 21 W. Parker, attendance officer, visited

" 24 Dr. Mason spent the greater part of the day on the School premises.

Dec 3 Am progressing with the Terrier examinations

" 7 Dr. Mason called this morning. I reported an outbreak of Mumps on Friday last. The children so affected are not to come to school for another fortnight. Bassett, who has been ill, was sent home as a suspicious case.

" 8 Have written to the M.O.H., telling him of the outbreak of Mumps.

" 11 Nearly 30% of the school children are now absent – L. Rutledge (P.T.) absent at an examination

Dec 15th Examined Registers and found quite correct
Charles Cook

1914
Dec 21st Have received a fresh lot of coke and coals. — P. T. Lottie Ratledge absent unwell

23rd The Post-Office Telegraph officials made a third raid on our "Wireless" this morning, and cut down and stowed away our 80ft. aerial pole. — W. Elliott, C.E. Insp. visited at noon. — We closed school this morn till Jany 11th

1915
Jany 11th Re-opened school. . — P. T. Lottie Ratledge absent.

15 The attendance officer called

21 Two or three children have been sent home with a ring-worm.

27 E. Harrison, Leg. H.M. spent the day at the school.

Feb 1st W. Porter called. — Lottie Ratledge absent ill.