



# Primary 3 Newsletter



August-October 2023

Welcome back! The children have all come back ready to learn and we are excited for all the things to come. Here is an overview of learning in Term 1, and we hope to see you in school so we can share even more information.

## **Numeracy & Maths**

In Numeracy, we will be further developing the children's knowledge of place value, learning about tens, hundreds and thousands. We will also revise various strategies for subtraction and addition as well as mental arithmetic. There will also be a focus on the presentation of written maths sums including 'chimney sums' / vertical column method. Children will use practical resources such as arrow cards, Numicon and Cuisenaire rods, as well as ICT and outdoor games. In Maths, we will be working on shape, position and movement. We will also learn to apply these skills and the knowledge learned through our Rainforest Interdisciplinary Learning.

## **Interdisciplinary Learning**

Our topic this term is going to be **Rainforests**. Most areas of the curriculum will be explored through our topic and children will be given opportunities to apply their learning by investigating problems, working independently and with others. If you have anything at home to help us feel free to bring it in. For example, books, pictures, newspaper clippings etc.

## **Literacy & English**

In Literacy this term, the genres we will focus on are description and information reports, through the Rainforest topic. We will be revising full stops, commas, capital letters and good handwriting. Spelling patterns will be taught weekly.

## **Reading**

Reading books will be handed out this week. As well as developing reading fluency, children will be answering written and oral questions about their books with a view to expanding their inference and prediction skills. Please continue to ask children about their books at home to help them, encouraging them to give explanations for their answers and expanding their vocabulary. In school we use a resource to teach specific features of reading and we would love to share how this works with you in the settling back evening on **Thursday 24th August 2023**. The class will also visit the school library weekly. If you are not already a member of the Bathgate library we highly recommend that too.

Maybe you could take a trip to find books from the geography section and tell us what you have found out?

## **Health & Wellbeing**

We will have PE on Mondays and Tuesdays. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on Mondays and Tuesdays. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours) and suitable shoes. Monday's PE learning will be in the hall. Tuesday's will be outdoors in our MUGA pitch. A spare pair of socks kept inside your child's bag would be helpful for wet weather. We would encourage children to bring a water bottle to school every day. No juice is allowed in the classrooms, but can be had as part of their lunch in the dinner hall. All belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

## **Additional Information**

Old T-shirts/ shirts for painting- We are looking for donations of adult sized shirts/ t-shirt or jumpers so the children can use these as overalls for painting. Please ask friends and neighbours!

Indoor shoes- Black indoor shoes are NOT required in P3. However, if it is wet weather (especially wearing wellies) feel free to bring plimsolls or an extra pair of shoes for wearing inside. We can keep these in school if you wish.

SeeSaw/ Home Learning- New home learning will be issued on a Thursday and given a fortnight to complete. Return on Wednesday. This will be issued on SeeSaw. The P1 to P3 classes are currently being set up again in SeeSaw. Your original sign in details should remain the same but reminder password/ qr code will be sent home soon. Please try to follow class posts so you can see all the wonderful achievements the children make.

Please be aware that Primary 3 are now being collected from the main gate unless they have a younger sibling in P1/P2.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us by telephone or email.

Many thanks,  
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