

January - April 2024

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. We're really looking forward to a new term, with lots of exciting learning to come.

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we will continue to consolidate our understanding of number bonds to 10 and 20 increasing in speed and recall. We will focus on counting backwards in 1s, 10s and 100s. We will be learning about subtraction, division and we will begin multiplication (counting in 2s, 5s and 10s). In Maths, children will be focussing on data handling and using a range of vocabulary to sequence days and weeks. Each day we will also have a Number Talks lesson to allow us to explore different number strategies.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term is 'Castles' with a key focus on those castles closest to us. We will look at parts of castles, the jobs people do in castles and we will learn about Mary Queen of Scots. We will be applying our skills of reading and listening for information, using inference, problemsolving, team-working, planning, designing, and modelmaking. We will also be looking at the Weather, with a focus on climate. The children will be learning how climate affects people and animals around the world and investigating how we can measure and record weather where we live.

In Art, we will be studying the work of Scottish artists such as Steven Brown, Ritchie Collins and John Lowrie Morrison and creating our own pieces of art based on their styles and techniques.

Literacy & English

We will continue our programme of phonics, grammar and tricky common words. For our extended writing this term we will be focussing on writing using Scots language, writing recipes for Scottish food and information reports about weather. In Grammar, we will be focussing on alphabetical order, proper nouns, verbs, question marks, exclamation marks and compound words. Our spelling will focus on the sounds aw, a-e, e-e, i-e, o-e, u-e, ss, ll, ff and kn.

Reading books will continue to be sent home. Children will be visiting the school library every Tuesday. They will have the opportunity to select a book to share with someone at bedtime. We will also be pairing up with P6 pupils to have a reading buddy; who we can take part in fun and engaging reading activities with.

<u> Health & Wellbeing</u>

P.E will be on Mondays and Fridays. We will continue to do our PE outside on Mondays and in the hall on Fridays. This term we will be developing our Scottish dance skills as well as taking part in different circuits and dance themes. This aims to improve our overall stamina, fitness, travelling and control skills when using and moving around obstacles. Through our Health and Wellbeing resource, Jigsaw, we will be focussing on the themes 'Relationships' and "Changing Me". We will also be discussing online safety.

Seesaw

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We will be continuing to use Seesaw to share learning and any other relevant information. Home Learning is changing from Seesaw to paper on the request of the majority of parents.

If you are having any issues with logging into Seesaw, please let us know.



Additional Info

Please remember that all belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be returned if lost. Date for your diary- Our P2 Assembly is planned for Friday 2nd February at 9am.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us directly in the playground, through the school office email or your child's reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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