



Primary 3 Newsletter

January – March 2024

Welcome back and happy 2024 to everyone! 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 3.

P3 have their joint assembly on Friday 26th January 2024.

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we will be further developing formal written strategies such as vertical setting addition and subtraction sums. We will continue to explore different mental maths strategies such as bridging, doubling and counting on throughout Term 3 so we can solve calculations. We will also be looking at multiplication and division, patterns, algebra and fractions, decimals and percentages.

In Maths, we will be looking at data handling and time. These will be applied to real world contexts and used through IDL.

Literacy & English

In Writing, we will be looking at Scots narrative, Scots poetry, explanation and exposition as well as free writing towards Easter time. We will be looking at how different aspects of writing are structured as we hope to focus on peer feedback in this term both orally and written.

Reading

Reading will continue as normal. We will continue to send home reading books twice a week. We will also be reading a separate text in class with the different reading groups. 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.

Spelling

We will continue to introduce new sounds each week with attached spelling words. These will be applied through jotter work and Active Literacy. These strategies will also be used to teach common words.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term is Scottish landscapes and all things Scottish to prepare for our assembly. We will also be looking at World Book Week, Critical Learning, Problem solving skills and looking at the Sun, Moon and Stars.

In RME, we are looking at Shabbat then moving on to the Easter Story.

Health & Wellbeing

We will have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on Monday and Wednesday. 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. Wednesday's will be outdoors in our MUGA pitch. A spare pair of socks and shoes should be kept inside your child's bag because of potential 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. We will be looking at *Healthy Me* in health lessons and what constitutes a healthy mind and body.

Additional Information

Old T-shirts/ shirts for painting- We are looking for donations for adult sized shirts/ t-shirt or jumpers so the children can use these as overalls for painting. Please ask friends and neighbours! No phones, computers or any other ICT equipment should be brought to school in P3, even for Reward Time on Friday.

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 in 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 through jotters. Seesaw posts will be posted daily to show learning. Please contact your child's teacher if you require login details. Please try to follow class posts so you can see and comment on all the wonderful achievements the children make!

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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