



Primary 3 Newsletter

August-October 2024

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 you can ask for more information.

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we will be further developing children's knowledge of place value, learning about tens, hundreds and thousands. We will also revise various strategies for subtraction and addition, for mental arithmetic and we will also focus on 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 knowledge 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. The class will also visit the school library weekly so they can then have ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class). If you are not already a member of the Bathgate library we highly recommend that too.

Spelling

Children will have new spelling words every 2 weeks and these words will also be used as part of their home learning. We will be looking at different sounds such as *ue*, *aw*, *oi*, *au*, *ew* and *ow*. Children will be completing a range of spelling activities in class to help spell different words correctly and increase their vocabulary.

Health & Wellbeing

We will have PE on a Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on that day. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours) and suitable shoes. 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

P3 has an open evening on Wednesday 21st August from 3.30pm –4.30pm where you can meet your child's teacher as well as discuss what the P3 learning journey will look like. All are welcome. Indoor shoes - Black indoor shoes are NOT required in P3. However, if it is wet weather (especially wearing wellies) feel free to bring plimsolls in 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. This will start on 22nd August. Return date will be Wednesday 4th September. This will be issued on SeeSaw as well as paper copies issued. Your SeeSaw sign in details should remain the same but reminder password/ qr code can be sent home if required. Please try to follow class posts so you can see all the wonderful achievements the children make as well as the opportunities your child enjoy. Old T- shirts/ shirts for painting- We are looking for donations for adult sized shirts/ t-shirts or jumpers so the children can use these as overalls for painting. These will be kept in class.

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

Thank you

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