

October – December 2024

We hope you have had a nice break. We are all excited to get back to our second term and we have lots to look forward too!

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we are developing our understanding of addition and subtraction with a focus on using money to use the correct coins to pay for items. We are planning a Christmas enterprise project with the children and details of this will come in due course! This will give the children a real-life experience of calculating costs, budgets and profit and loss.

In Maths, the children will be focussing on measure and applying their skills within the context of measuring the weather. We will also be looking at 3D objects and how to identify them.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term is going to be Weather, with a focus on measurement and 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.

Through music we will be composing and playing simple rhythms on various percussion instruments with a weather theme. We will also be exploring pitch and how sounds are made by vibrations.

In Art, we will be focussing on colour mixing, warm and cold colours and using mixed media to express our ideas about townscapes.

We will also be doing a mini Christmas topic where we will be creating lots of wonderful Christmas art and stories.

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 information reports, narratives and recounts. We will be reporting on weather as part of our topic. Through narratives we will be working on creating our own stories with clear beginning, middle and endings and using interesting vocabulary.

<u>Reading</u>

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 and then return their book and choose another.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child brings a waterproof jacket to school every day and outdoor P.E. shoes on a Wednesday. We will continue to go outside in all weathers.

This term we will be developing our dance skills and working on our basic moves through a variety of fun and exciting games.

We will also be exploring out forest area as well as the other outdoor areas within the school as part of our outdoor learning. This is on a Thursday, please make sure that your child has warm waterproof clothes as we will be going out in all weathers.

Through our Health and Wellbeing resource, Jigsaw, we will be focussing on the themes celebrating difference and our dreams and goals.

See Saw

We will be using this to share our learning in the classroom and will post photographs or videos of our work. You can respond to these and write comments back which we love to read. ©

Additional Info

Please remember that all belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name so that they can be returned if lost. There will also be a focus on Scottish Book week on the week beginning 18th of November; we can't wait!

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to speak to us directly at the end of a day, or contact us by phone or e-mail through our school office, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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