

# Primary 1 Newsletter

January - March 2025

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you are feeling refreshed for the term ahead! We had a busy time last term with the highlight being our fabulous Nativity play. We were so proud of how well all of the children performed!



## Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we will be learning to select the best strategy for addition sums and then learning to subtract. Initially, we will use practical materials to subtract and then we will learn strategies to subtract mentally. We will also be consolidating our knowledge of number pairs to 10. In Maths, we will be investigating length, weight and capacity through practical tasks and investigations. If you wish to practise using a computer at home you can search for 'Topmarks key stage 1 maths'. Here you will find a wide range of suitable games.



## Literacy & English

This term some of our literacy will continue to be developed through our topics to make it more fun and relevant for the children. Our main focusses will be: talking about our ideas and giving reasons for our opinions, recognising and using features of non-fiction texts, using capital letters and full stops when writing stories and continuing to learn how to read and spell 'tricky words' such as 'was', 'have' and 'said'. We will be continuing to practise blending sounds to read words and to segment words into their different sounds in order to write them. This term we will be learning about sounds made of two letters such as ch, th, sh, wh, ph, ee, oo and ck. Please continue to hear your child's reading at least twice a week and to give lots of praise and encouragement. Ideally the reading books should be brought to school each day in the children's schoolbags as reading days can sometimes change and we cannot issue new books until the previous ones have been returned.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

We will be exploring the different celebrations that take place from now until Easter and at the beginning of this term we will be investigating Scots language and having a celebration of Scotland through some fun, practical activities. Alongside this we will begin to learn about water, weather and seasons. We will be investigating the properties of water, types of weather, how weather is recorded and how weather changes over the seasons. We will also be discussing the journeys we make, looking at how we travel and creating maps of our journeys. We will also be continuing to explore our toys topic, investigating how toys move, and how toys have changed.

## Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be focusing on the skills needed for the sports of basketball, hockey and football. During our outdoor learning time in the woods we will be actively applying our previous learning in Literacy, Numeracy and French as well as doing problem-solving, team challenges and physical challenges. Our PE days are still a Monday (outdoor weather permitting) and indoor is now on a Thursday. We ask that the children come to school wearing suitable clothing on these days such as boots, hats and gloves. During this winter weather it would be great if each child had a spare set of socks and tights / trousers in their schoolbags. Through our 'Jigsaw' lessons we will be learning about perseverance, goal setting, stranger danger and how to keep our bodies healthy.

## Additional Information

We will continue posting our homework via the Seesaw platform. Thank you for your support and we hope that you are finding it user friendly. If you need any further support with using this please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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

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