



Primary 3 Newsletter

January – March 2025

Welcome back and happy 2025 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.

Numeracy & Maths

Our upcoming focus in Numeracy will be to learn the different strategies to help solve multiplication and division sums. We will start with the multiplication strategy of arrays and then move onto equal grouping, repeated addition and number lines.

In Maths, our focus is time where we will be looking at analogue and digital times and then we will look at calendars.

Health & Wellbeing

We will have PE on Tuesdays in the MUGA pitch outside as well as on a Wednesday in the hall. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on those days. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours) and suitable shoes. 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 this can be had as part of their lunch in the dinner hall. All belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid lost items. We will be looking at *Healthy Me* in health lessons and what constitutes a healthy mind and body.

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 self and peer feedback in this term both orally and written. We will also be developing our handwriting skills on a weekly basis so that we can join most of our letters together and improve the pace at which we write.

We will be linking our topic with writing and we hope to show you evidence of our improved writing skills on SeeSaw.

Reading will continue as normal. We will continue to send home reading books once 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. We will be visiting our school library once a week to choose new ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) books.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our first context for learning this term is Scottish landmarks where there will also be a geography focus looking at the environment. We will also compare different rural and urban landscapes in Scotland.

We will then move onto a mini topic of the Sun, Moon and the Stars. This will be followed by an electricity topic called "Bright Sparks." We will explore electrical circuits, find out about inventors of the past and new technologies.

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 an extra pair of shoes for wearing inside. We can keep these in school if you wish.

Home Learning- New home learning will be issued on a Thursday and given a fortnight to complete. Return on Wednesday. This will be issued as a paper copy and children have home learning jotters to complete one numeracy and one spelling task. Your original sign in details should remain the same for Seesaw. 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, email or your child's reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

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