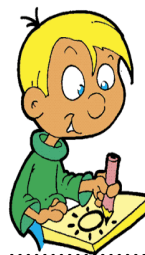


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Curriculum News

Term: 2 Dates: January to April
Class: Primary 4/3



Literacy and English

Reading - This term we will have a focus on Scottish texts and comprehension materials. We will continue to use Bloom's questions to enhance children's understanding of texts by promoting higher order thinking. Children will continue to be encouraged to choose books of their preference to read for enjoyment in order to complete book reviews.

Writing - The children will have a focus on personal writing and recounts this term as well as report writing linked to our topic. VCOP skills will be taught during writing sessions and encouraged through all areas of the curriculum when the pupils are writing. We will also continue to learn cursive handwriting.

Spelling - The children will continue to have weekly spelling homework which will be detailed in the homework communication letter. We will also use active spelling activities in the classroom to continue to embed spelling rules and common words.

Talking and Listening - This will be developed across all curriculum areas. Pupils will be encouraged to develop their skills when talking in a whole class situation as well as in smaller groups. A variety of collaborative learning opportunities will also encourage effective use of talking and listening skills.

Mathematics

- Numeracy - We will continue to investigate whole numbers and place value, sharing strategies we use in order to solve problems. We will also continue multiplication and division and the links between these operations. This term we will be leaning about decimals and fractions as we move beyond whole numbers.
- Mathematics - The pupils will be learning about time as well as measurement exploring length, weight and capacity.

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

- ☺ Please ensure your child's name is clearly written on all belongings.
- ☺ Our gym days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays - if your child wears earrings, please ensure that they are removed on P.E. days.
- ☺ Due to allergies within the school, please can you ensure your child does not bring in any food containing nuts.
- ☺ **In-service days:** Friday 7th February and Wednesday 12th February
- ☺ **Half-term holiday:** Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February
- ☺ **'Come Count with Me' (morning):** Tuesday 18th February.
- ☺ **Parents Evening:** Wednesday 18th March.
- ☺ **Last day of term:** Fri 3rd April - Finish at 2.30pm (Pupils return on Monday 29th April)

We welcome your comments:

Signed _____ Child's Name _____

Social Studies

- This term there will be a whole school focus on Scotland which will be incorporated through the curriculum. Our topic this term will be 'The Rainforest'.

Digital Literacy & Computing Science

- Pupils will use ICT for research tasks, to present and share information using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint and for enhancing learning with educational games. We will also be learning to use See Saw to carry out learning activities.

Health & Wellbeing includes Physical Education

PE

There will be a focus on gymnastics and racquet sports during this term. We will also continue to use Cosmic Yoga activities and The Body Coach's classroom workouts.

Health & Well-Being

- Developing ability and confidence to talk about our feelings and how they might affect others through PAtHS programme.
- Continue PAtHS Pupil of the Week
- We will continue to explore children's rights, and look at how rights and responsibilities are linked through our class charter.

Expressive Arts

Drama -

- Presentation skills for Scottish Poetry
- Improvisation and movement.
- Links will be made to literacy, social studies and health and well being topics.

Art and Design -

On a Thursday the children will work with Miss Macdonald. Pupils will be developing their drawing skills and will present work using visual concepts such as line, shape, form, colour and tone.

Music - Children will be learning about instruments of the orchestra and exploring and identifying sounds of some common instruments. They will also learn songs for our class assembly and Easter service.,

Religious & Moral Education

Miss Macdonald will be teaching RME on a Wednesday and the pupils will be focusing on influential people followed by the Easter story.

Science

Our science this term will be linked to our main topic "The Rainforest." The children will also continue to learn about food chains.

Home Learning

Home learning for this term will include weekly reading, spelling and maths activities. These will be issued on a **Tuesday** and should be returned the following **Monday**. An updated home learning guidance letter has been added to the children's folders for their new activities to choose from. At the start of term, the pupils main homework task will be to read over, learn and practise reciting their chosen Scottish Poem.

Thank you ☺



French

We will continue to use greetings on a daily basis when we carry out our registration in the morning and during the day in class. Pupils will also be revising numbers to 31 as well as learning about months of the year and birthdays.

Please note:

Within each of the learning concepts/topics noted in the newsletter, differentiation in terms of pupils' stage need for challenge or support will be everyday practise in lessons.