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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please ensure your child's name is still on all belongings.
- Mrs Purdie (classroom assistant) will continue to work with the class at times throughout the week.
- Due to extreme allergies in the school, please ensure your child does not bring in food containing nuts.
- Blue homework folders should be brought into school **every day**. Please take time to check the folder daily for letters etc. **Please empty it daily** of any items which do not need to be returned to school as this ensures it is easy for both us and yourselves to spot any new correspondence.
- Tuesday will continue to be our outdoor play & learning day – please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and outdoor clothing on these days as we plan to be out in all weathers (within reason!)
- **Important dates:** 'Come Count With Me' 19/2/19 (am)

World Book Day 1/3/19
Parents Night 21/3/19



We welcome your comments:

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Curriculum News

Term: 3 Dates: January - March
Class: Primary 1



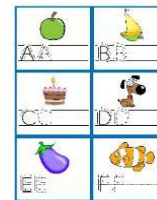
Literacy and English

Phonics & Reading

The children have now been introduced to all the sounds from the Jolly Phonics programme. We will continue to consolidate these while also developing and extending their blending skills, both in reading & writing. Please continue to revise the sounds at home, especially the digraphs (ai, ee, oa, etc).

Common word practice will be ongoing. This is important as the children will really benefit from quick recognition of these commonly used words. Stage 2 reading books will be introduced in class and the children will be encouraged to use reading strategies to decode text and develop comprehension skills. Books will then be sent home to allow the children to share their progress with you and provide the opportunity for lots of praise & encouragement in the development of yet another new skill! We will also be continuing our weekly reading themes to encourage reading through the First Minister's Reading Challenge.

Poetry: We hope the children will enjoy participating in the school celebration of Scottish Poetry. All children will be encouraged to choose and learn a poem. Your help at home with this is much appreciated.



Mathematics



The children will be consolidating and extending their addition & subtraction strategies this term. Our role play will include a Scottish shop/post office and will give them the opportunity to use coins so we will be doing some work on recognition of coins and dealing with money too. Reinforcement of this in real life situations at home and while shopping etc would be very valuable. Children should also be encouraged to consolidate their recognition of 'o'clock' times on both analogue & digital clocks.

Health & Wellbeing includes Physical Education



PE

P1 will be working on aspects of gymnastics such as balance, jumping etc and will also further develop their ball skills.

Gym days will be a Wednesday & another slot which will be flexible depending on availability of the gym hall/weather etc as Tuesday will continue to be our outdoor play and learning day this term.

Please ensure your child has brought in a gym kit and indoor shoes, **all labelled with their name**. It may be easier to avoid wearing shirts & ties to school on these days.

PE kits will be kept in school and sent home termly for a wash. For safety reasons no jewellery can be worn during PE activities.

Health & Well-Being

Children will continue to be encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings and discuss any issues. They will continue to work with Mrs Grant to cover aspects of food, hygiene and healthy lifestyles.

Expressive Arts

Drama and Art & Design

The children will participate in Drama and Art & Design activities through their topic work. They will continue to develop drawing, painting & fine motor skills while also exploring the work of Scottish artists. There will also be opportunities to experiment with collage and model making.

Music

The children will be involved in activities to develop their listening, performing and musical skills. This will be linked to Scottish, topic and seasonal themes.



Religious & Moral Education

The children will be learning about Chinese New Year and Easter customs while also looking at the theme of 'caring for each other.'

French



The children will continue to enjoy activities and games to develop their knowledge of the French language. Greetings, numbers to 10/20 and songs will be reinforced. French colour words and days of the week will be introduced.



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Topic

The theme for our topic this term will be 'Scotland' and 'our local area.' Topics will continue to be topical and/or led by the children as this allows us to develop their skills while following their areas of interest. This is working well in allowing us to be responsive to both the children and events around them. This will provide opportunities for a lot of motivating activities and fun learning opportunities, including outdoor learning & play.

Homework

Children will continue to be sent home with word lists to develop their reading skills through blending and writing cards for practising writing using blending. These will come home on a Wednesday and should be returned on a Monday. Common words will be worked on in class and lists sent home whenever children have completed a group. These should be practised at home whenever you can – some nice activities may be: trying to spot them in newspapers/books, making them into flashcards, using magnetic letters etc. Information regarding reading books will be sent home with a list of useful questions & strategies to refer to.

Please remember that learning should be an enjoyable and positive experience for your child – a little but often is generally the most effective method to support their learning while maintaining interest.

Thank you for your support ☺