



Primary 3 Newsletter - Term 3

Welcome to the Primary 3 newsletter! We hope you had an amazing Christmas break, full of festive cheer, and also remembered to find some time for a well-deserved rest. We really enjoyed learning with the children last term and are very much looking forward to continuing their learning journey with them this term. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 3 this term.

Literacy -

In Literacy, we will be continuing to develop our grammatical knowledge, moving onto verbs, tenses and adverbs. We will write our own Robert Burns' inspired poems, as well as writing a newspaper article - which will include information we have researched ourselves! There will be opportunities to read non-fiction texts linked to our topic. We will continue with spelling patterns on a weekly basis, using spelling words in different activities, with a test on Fridays. Children will have 9 spelling pattern words and 1 tricky word to learn each week. Reading books will be back up-and-running in the second week of term and it is important that reading is done every night. Please try to spend a short time each night discussing the stories, looking at tricky words, talking about the pictures and asking: "What do you think will happen next?"

Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on subtraction and times tables, particularly 2, 10, 5, 3 and 4, as well as multiplication. We will also be extending our knowledge of telling the time by looking at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Please use any opportunity to support your child in telling the time. In Maths, we will be looking at information handling, using graphs and charts to help us display information.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

Our topics for Term 3 are Robert Burns/Scots poetry and language, followed by The Ancient Egyptians.

In honour of Robert Burns we will also write poetry and design our own tartans as well as learn Scots terms and phrases.

As part of our Egyptian topic, we will conduct our own research into ancient Egyptian life, learn Egyptian songs and dances and even present our own assembly! More details to follow.

Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know! We use informal 'show and tell' several times a week where children can share their achievements or other items with the class e.g showing and talking about medals they have won, bringing in interesting objects etc...

Health and Wellbeing -

Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays. We would be grateful if you can ensure your child has full PE kit in school all week, as we often take the opportunity to be active outwith timetabled PE times.

Ideas for Learning at Home-

The children will have reading homework weekly and details of this will be in their reading records. They may also have word lists or key words to practise at home. Please remember to bring red reading book bags to school every day with the reading diary inside. Often the teacher will communicate with you via the reading diary and put any letters for home inside, so it is important that this is brought in the reading bag each day.

Spelling; each week your child's spelling list is added to Spelling City. This website has lots of fun activities to help your child learn and embed the spelling patterns and tricky words.

There are lots of good resources for consolidating and revising work done in class on the Internet. All children have individual log-ins for Spelling City, Education City and Sumdog. These websites help practise and reinforce work done in school and using them provides a fun way of learning.

Names on clothes -

Please ensure that children have their belongings clearly labelled. This includes school sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, footwear and gym shoes as well as all gym kit. Already there are a huge number of unlabelled items in lost property, at considerable cost to parents. If your child has lost anything, please feel free to come and have a look.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at Parents' Evenings and our BOATS sessions. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any worries or questions.

Mrs Stewart, Mrs Phibbs, Mrs Brown and Mrs Engel