

Primary P3/4 – Term 3 2018

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The children seem well rested and are back ready to learn!

Curricular Areas:

In Numeracy we will be further developing our knowledge of mental and written strategies for addition and subtraction. We will continue to focus on our times tables with specific emphasis on the 3, 4 and 6 times tables and I would encourage children to practise these at home as well as in school. We are also learning about time. Our focus will be on telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks including 12 and 24 hour formats.

In Literacy we will continue to develop our use of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation throughout our Big Writing lessons. Our writing focus this term will be fact files. We will continue to engage in active spelling activities and develop our reading comprehension.

Reading books will be read in class and also sent home to reinforce the learning.

General reminders

We will continue to engage in outdoor learning opportunities throughout this term, please can you ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather. Please can you remember to send Golden Folders to school every day, even if homework has not yet been completed, we will be reading our books most days.

First Minister's Reading Challenge

We are continuing with our reading challenge. It is super to see the children engaged in reading lots of different varieties of books in school and at home. They have been very successful so far in reading enough books to fill more than half of our class reading chart!

Scots Poetry Competition

All children have been given a Scots poem to learn. We will be going over these in class but have also asked that they are practised as part of homework. All children will be asked to recite as much of their poem as possible in class on Wednesday 17th January. The finals for the school competition will be held on Thursday 18th January, three finalists will be put forward from each class to recite their poem for our esteemed judges, Mrs McKechnie and Beth Pratt from The Robert Burns Society. There will be a Burns Assembly on the 25th January, where the winners will recite their poems.



Homework

Homework will be given out on a Monday and collected in on a Friday. Please check homework diaries for any notes. Feel free to write any communication to the teacher in the diary and this will be checked regularly. However, if you have something you need me to see immediately, please pop it in a note or call the office.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term our topic will take a look at the Vikings. This will include learning about the lifestyle of the Vikings, their influence and impact on Scottish life, comparing Viking stories with Scottish Myths and Legends, as well as looking at Viking words and runes. We plan to engage in a range of art activities throughout this topic. If you have any expertise, knowledge or suggestions for our topic please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Class Assembly

Our class assembly will be held on Friday 2nd February at 9.15am, parents are welcome to attend.

DAY	WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING/WHAT'S ON
EVERY DAY	Water bottle, homework jotter, diary and reading book. Please come to school dressed appropriately for the changeable outdoor weather – waterproof jacket, wellies, hats, gloves and indoor shoes/gym shoes to change into when necessary. iPads with Mrs Roebuck and Science with Mrs Cowan
MONDAY	French –Ms Ruxton
TUESDAY	Loose Parts – be prepared with appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear. iPads to support numeracy and spelling
WEDNESDAY	PE - please bring in PE kit – shorts, t-shirt, gym shoes. This should be kept in class all week. RME – Mrs Vivier
THURSDAY	Netbooks – for research/writing
FRIDAY	Assembly, MUGA and T-TRAIN 31+ TIME!

