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Term Ahead: October- December

Primary 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely seeing the children settled so quickly back into the school routine following the break. They continue to be enthusiastic in their approach to their learning. We thought we would share with you what we will be working on with them this term.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy and English</p> <p>For reading, we are continuing with our class novels, as well as working on reading comprehension tasks and encouraging reading for pleasure individually in class. We will also be using Word Boost to increase the class' vocabulary. We will be participating in a number of activities during the "Book Week Scotland" event and hope to encourage as many children as possible to join the library.</p> <p>Writing; we are writing imaginative stories; using our Word Boost vocabulary, learning how to use connectives and reviewing our writing to check it makes sense.</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation will be continued with a focus on the use of appropriate punctuation and learning to use nouns and adjectives correctly. For our spelling this term our focus will be revision, consolidation and increasing our knowledge of common words. We will be focusing on a different spelling pattern every week.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>We will continue with number processes, learning and focussing on aspects of the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and thinking about how they are used in real life.</p> <p>Within Numeracy; We will continue developing their strategies to become confident counting on and counting backwards using numbers up to 1000. We will also be focussing on place value, where we will be learning to identify the value of digits 0 - 9 in three digit numbers.</p> <p>Our focus beyond this is to look at fractions, decimals and percentages, how groups can be shared equally, how to find a fraction by applying knowledge of division. Additionally, practical activities will be used to apply this knowledge.</p> <p>Currently we are using SEAL to support our numeracy and maths lessons. Sumdog and Topmarks will be used to further support P3 learners in numeracy.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our topic this term is our Nativity, "Lights, Camel Action-It's Strictly the Nativity!" We have had a very promising start to our singing practice and the P3s are finding their voices. More details about this to follow.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing will focus on "Big Deal, Little Deal" and "Antibullying" to support emotional and social wellbeing. We are exploring with the children what tools they require to manage their emotions. For Outdoor learning the children will be taking part the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Wild Challenge exploring our local area and helping wildlife. We are working towards or bronze award.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Admin</p> <p>P.E: will take place on Wednesday for P3b and Friday for P3a with the PE specialist Mr Murray.</p> <p>Homework: The optional activities detailed on the P3 Home Learning Wall (see separate sheet) are designed to complement and reinforce the classroom learning. It is important that children are reading regularly at home to improve all aspects of literacy and practise their times tables to increase confidence in multiplication and division.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: P3A: Wednesdays (dress for OL on Thursday too) P3B: Thursdays We take every opportunity to learn outdoors (despite the weather!) so please ensure your child comes to school prepared!</p>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,
 Stuart Riches & Donna Main
 Class Teachers