



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable summer break. We hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for an exciting year ahead. Below are details of what the children will be learning over this term as well as some useful information for the term ahead.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy and English</p> <p>In reading, we will be focusing on the following skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choosing and picking appealing books using 'I PICK'<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I choose a book- Purpose: Why do I want to read it?- Interest: Does it interest me?- Comprehend: Am I understanding what I'm reading?- Know: I know most of the words.• Text analysis• Read Theory• Epic app• Using dictionary and thesaurus,• Using iPads to identify words and source information. <p>In writing, we will focus on fact files, persuasive writing, editing, personal writing</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation will be punctuating sentences, commas in a list, verbs (action words): tense using powerful verbs, adjectives (words which describe a noun)</p> <p>Spelling will concentrate on the patterns: soft c/g, suffixes (letters added to the end of a 'root' word) and silent letters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>Throughout the year we will be using White Rose Maths to support our numeracy and maths lessons.</p> <p>In numeracy, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction.</p> <p>In maths, we will be focusing on:</p> <p>Shape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classifying angles• Properties of 2D shape and 3D objects• We will also have a visit from My Bnk who are bringing their expert-led programme to Balgreen with the aim of building financial capability addressing mindsets, attitudes and behaviours to help young people form an understanding of the wider world of money.
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our topic this term is 'John Muir the Man', which will count towards our John Muir award. We will explore his life, work and links to Scotland.</p> <p>Health and Well-Being will focus on developing positive relationships and friendships, the 'SHANARRI Wheel' and stereotypes. Links to more information: https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ac/public/inclusion/uploads/sites/6414/2016/01/Wellbeing-Wheel-and-Wellbeing-Indicators.pdf https://rshp.scot/second-level/#fairandequal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Administration</p> <p>P.E: will take place on Mondays, with the PE specialist. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately so they get the full benefit of the lessons.</p> <p>Homework: Parental involvement in children's learning is invaluable and we have provided a Home Learning Wall with a variety of activities which complement the learning in class.</p>

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

Yours sincerely,

Sam Gilbertson and Cath Galloway

Class Teachers