



THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL  
**BALGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Term Ahead: August to October

Primary 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and made some lovely family memories. The children have return to school full of enthusiasm and it has been great getting to know them over the last few weeks.

Below you can read all about what we plan do this term.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literacy and English</b></p> <p>Reading: we will be continuing the reading programme used in Primary 2 (ORT and short novels). We will be practising high frequency words and using expression when reading aloud. We will encourage reading for pleasure individually in class through ERIC time (Everyone Reading In Class).</p> <p>Writing: we will be learning how to write posters and instructions linked to our learning in class. We will be practising our handwriting – particularly anti-clockwise letters and vowel formation.</p> <p>Spelling: we will be revisiting 'magic e' and begin to use suffixes such as -ed, -er, -est and -ing.</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation: we will be improving our writing through use of verbs and adjectives.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>Numeracy: we will start the year by learning about place value and partitioning two and three digit numbers. After, we will move onto strategies for addition and subtraction, finding ways to find an answer quickly e.g counting on and back.</p> <p>In maths, we will be focusing on shape and money.</p> <p>Shape: we will explore 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.</p> <p>Money: we will investigate using different coins, notes and how to keep our money safe.</p> <p>We will use ICT and games to enhance our learning experiences in Numeracy and Maths.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Learning Across the Curriculum</b></p> <p>Health and Wellbeing: we will be learning about life cycles of plants and animals and investigating what plants need to grow. Our topic for this term will be 'Farm to Fork' where we will compare farming in the past and present around the world and will learn about where our food comes from.</p> <p>Expressive Arts: we will be using our creative skills to make stone age farming tools from junk materials. We would appreciate any junk materials from home on an ongoing basis to support play and craft activities in the classroom (cereal boxes, bottle tops, empty plastic bottles, shoe boxes etc)</p> <p>We will be exploring different nature artists such as Kandinsky and Van Gogh.</p> <p>While learning about life cycles and plants we will be practising our movement and drama skills.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Admin</b></p> <p>P.E: will take place on <b>Wednesdays</b> with the PE specialist Mr Murray. Children should wear comfortable trousers on these days.</p> <p><b>Homework:</b> An optional Home Learning Grid is issued each term with a variety of activities which compliment the learning that takes place in the classroom. We also ask that you read regularly with your child. Please ask if you need a reading book.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Learning:</b>  <b>Tuesday</b>        We take every opportunity to learn outdoors (despite the weather!) so please ensure your child comes to school prepared!</p> <p><b>Forms</b>        Please return forms as soon as possible so our lovely staff don't have to chase them up. Thank you!</p>

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