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Term Ahead: January - March

Primary 3

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely seeing the children settled so quickly back into the school routine following the Christmas break. Thank you for the cards and gifts - they were much appreciated. The children 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 will be continuing to work in groups to support and develop fluency and improve de-coding strategies. We will also be learning to read for information whilst exploring the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts. We will continue to encourage reading for pleasure individually in class. We will also be using Word Boost to develop vocabulary.</p> <p>Writing will be linked to our topic where possible, and will consist of letter writing to save the environment, recounts and reports addressing political issues such as deforestation.</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation will be revising the use of simple conjunctions, using VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) and upleveling sentences.</p> <p>For our spelling this term our focus will be block 5 and 6 of our spelling programme, looking at plurals s and es and regular multi-syllabic words.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>We will continue with number processes, focussing on revision and increasing challenge of addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Within Numeracy, this term we will continue to focus on the basic number functions of addition and subtraction. We will be developing strategies to become confident counting on and counting backwards using numbers up to 1000. We will progress this to adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers across 10.</p> <p>In Maths we will be finishing our Money topic and learning to calculate change, then we will move on to measuring length and height using standard and non-standard units.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our topic this term is Scotland followed by The Rainforest. We will look at Scottish culture throughout January up until Burns' Night. From February, we will be learning about the rainforests across the world. During this topic, there will be opportunities to learn about sustainability, climate action and human rights.</p> <p>In Health and Well-Being, we will be looking at our own strengths, interests and skills and tying this in with our topic looking at what skill set a scientist in the rainforest would need. We will be looking at our emotions and learning how to talk about them.</p> <p>We will also be looking at Scottish artists, poets and singers and reading some Scots literature.</p> <p>Children will continue to have the opportunity to develop their learning in a variety of contexts including in outdoor learning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Admin</p> <p>P.E: will take place on Wednesday with the PE specialist, Mr Murray.</p> <p>Homework: Please see the Home Learning Wall with a variety of activities that children can complete at home. These activities are designed to consolidate the classroom learning. It is important that the children are reading regularly at home to improve all aspects of literacy and practise their times tables to increase confidence in multiplication and division. To help with this please help your child to engage with our story time bookshelf and the Oxford Owl website to gain free access to a wide range of eBooks.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: Tuesday 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,

Elizabeth Harris, Sophie Gillies and Éanna Tyrrell
 Class Teachers