



Primary 3, Term 2 - October to December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you all had an enjoyable October break and are looking forward to hearing about how we are progressing with our Nativity in Term 2! The Nativity will be our main focus this term and will involve many different areas of the curriculum.

Literacy and English Reading: In groups, we will read short stories and focus on developing fluency and understanding. 'Bloom's questions' will be used to think more deeply about the story. This is a hierarchical framework that progresses from remembering information to analysing and evaluating. As a class, we will be reading lots of descriptive texts with a focus on adjectives and interesting vocabulary. We will also focus on Christmas stories from around the world. Writing: Our main genre this term is narrative, where we hope to create lively and interesting stories full of 'WOW words' and description, that create exciting pictures in our heads when we read the stories. We will be encouraging children to write more at length, with a beginning, middle and end to their texts. We will continue to practise correct lower-case letter formation with joins and practise capital letter formation. In spelling we will learn vowel digraphs (where two letters make one sound) e.g. oa, ou, oi, and the magic 'e' rule. <i>**Word lists are attached for those who wish to have more practice at home. Your child will know their group colour.**</i>	Numeracy and Mathematics Number: We will be focusing on addition and subtraction strategies. These will include using: number lines, doubles, partitioning numbers (eg to +6 to 27 we can do +3+3) and finding the difference for example. We will be revising number bonds to 20 and counting back in ones or tens across hundreds numbers. Other counting will focus on up and back in 2s, 5s and 10s with a view to future work on times tables. Also, we will be adding multiples of ten eg 40+30 or 46+50. We also need to know that the symbol = means equivalent so can be used as 10-4=6 or 6=10-4. Maths: This term we will be continuing with our data handling unit, learning how to read, interpret and create Carroll and Venn diagrams. We will also be looking at measurement, with a focus on standardised unit of measurement in length, weight, capacity and area. Children will get the opportunity to use a range of equipment and will learn to read the scales on these. We will learn about estimation and try to make reasonable estimates for how long or heavy items are.
Learning Across the Curriculum Our topic is seasonal celebrations where we will be developing an awareness of cultural festivals and the beliefs of some world religions including Christmas, Diwali and Sukkot. There is a big focus on the Nativity, which will involve performance skills through singing, dancing and acting. Health and Well-Being: We will start our RSHP (Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting Program) in which we will be learning about scientific names for body parts including those that are private. Part of this learning is called 'My body belongs to me' which has a strong emphasis on appropriate touch and safety. We will explore what we can do if we fall out with friends. We will also begin 'Building Resilience'. This is a whole-school resource for primary schools which promotes mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing. There are 12 units which will be covered over 3 years (1 a term). This term, the unit is Be Resilient.	Admin PE with Mr Murray is on these days: • P3a – Monday and Thursdays • P3B - Wednesdays and Fridays Children must wear trainers/gym shoes and suitable clothing i.e. not shirts, ties. PE will be outside and inside. Outdoor Learning is on Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared wearing appropriate shoes. Children should bring a waterproof coat <u>every day</u> to school. Hats and gloves are recommended for the colder weather – please label these with your child's name. Home learning has ideas linked to learning in class that children may wish to try at home. There will be no assigned weekly homework. We encourage children to read every day at home and for adults to read to their children too. Save the date! Nativity shows will be on December 11th in the afternoon and 12th in the morning.

If you have any queries or need to inform us of a change at home, please email at admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk

For a fortnightly snapshot about our learning, please access our school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below. <https://padlet.com/BalgreenP/balgreen-primary-2025-26-fqd6lut82eah0qdy>

Kind wishes, Catherine Hinchcliffe and Jo Murray (P3A) and Elizabeth Harris and Jemma Jeffery P3B



P3a Spelling lists for Term 2

pack back sack hack lack tack	peck neck deck luck muck tuck	sick tick lick kick pick quick	sock lock tock dock rock mock	shot shop ship shin shut shed	wish dish fish lush mush rush	mash lash dash cash rash bash	Revise all letter sounds
vowel digraph revision oa-ow	vowel digraph revision ou-ow	vowel digraph revision oi oy	vowel digraph revision au-aw	Split digraph Magic e a-e	Split digraph Magic e i-e	Split digraph Magic e o-e	Split digraph Magic e u-e
goat boat coat loaf soak show blow throw	now cow down how out loud about ouch	boy toy joy soy boil coil coin join	paw saw raw law claw yawn fault cause	cake make take fake male same came safe	five nice like fine time line mine side	cone pole cope sole bone home hose nose	use cube tube huge rude rule cute tune
coach float toast groan below know bowl glow	crowd growl frown town shout mouth found count	enjoy loyal cowboy joint point spoil noise noisy	prawn drawn shawl crawl haunt pause because sauce	shake brake flake shame shape shame blame stale	crime shine prize stripe white pride slide smile	stone phone drone stole smoke bloke alone spoke	flute ruler prune flume used useful useless excuse
roam throat coast follow thrown yellow window rainbow	allowed shower flower power flour ground aloud proudly	choice poison toilet destroy annoy employ oyster voyage	awful squawk awesome withdraw laundry author autumn caught	mistake ashamed escape whale behave became amazed safety	sunshine dislike knife survive polite divide bagpipes invite	awoke broken token explode envelope telephone lonely episode	computer confused argue refuse fortune include exclude costume

P3b Spelling lists for Term 2 – as above for P3b except for purple group spellings below

this that they thin than them	path bath cloth birth sloth maths	thorn thank theft third thick there	depth broth teeth sixth tenth froth	when why whip whisk wheel which	sing lung long rang ping hang	pink wink sank bank tank dunk	thing bring along think chunk prank
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