



Primary 3, Term 2; October to December 2024

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	Numeracy and Mathematics
<p>Reading: In groups, we will read short stories and focus on developing fluency and understanding. As a class, we will be reading fact files and learning about the features of this genre. We will focus on Christmas stories and develop our fluency and comprehension skills.</p> <p>Writing: We will learn how to write a fact file using subheadings, bullet points, factual adjectives, and will learn the difference between fact and opinion. We will continue to use correct lower-case formation with joins and practise capital letter formation. In spelling we will hear and use vowel digraphs (where two letters make one sound) e.g, oa, ou, oi We will also hear and use magic 'e' and use known sounds when spelling unfamiliar words. <i>**Word lists are attached for those who wish to have more practice at home. Your child will know their group colour.**</i></p>	<p>Number: We will focusing on addition and subtraction strategies including; number lines, doubles, partitioning numbers and part whole models. We will be revising number bonds to 20 and practising multiples of 10 and counting back in ones or tens across the hundreds numbers.</p> <p>Maths: This term we will be learning about data handling and how to read, interpret and create Carroll and Venn diagrams. We will also be looking at standard and non-standard measurement in weight, length, capacity and area. We will use a range of equipment and read scales as part of our learning.</p>

Learning Across the Curriculum	Admin
<p>Our topic is seasonal celebrations where we will be developing an awareness of cultural festivals and the beliefs of some world religions including Christmas, Divali and Sukkot. There is a big focus on the Nativity, which will involve performance skills through singing, dancing and acting.</p> <p>Health and Well-Being: We will learn to understand our body signals and find ways to find our calm. We will also be learning the scientific names for body parts.</p>	<p>PE with Mr Murray is on these days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3a – Tuesdays and Fridays • P3B - Wednesdays and Fridays <p>Children must wear trainers or gym shoes and suitable clothing i.e. not shirts, dresses or skirts. PE will be outside and inside this term.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning is on Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared: wellies and waterproofs are highly recommended. Children should bring a waterproof coat EVERY day and be equipped for the winter weather with hats and gloves.</p> <p>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.</p>

NB Children should not bring in things from home unless it is needed for after school or an arranged 'Show and Tell' – this prevents damage, distraction and loss. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BRING FOOTBALL CARDS IN TO SCHOOL. Thank you for your help with this. If you have any queries or need to inform us of a change at home, please catch us after school or email at admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk

For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below. <https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v>



Best wishes, Elizabeth Harris and Jemma Jeffrey P3B, Jo Murray and Catherine Hinchcliffe P3A