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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. They 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: The children had a vote before Christmas and chose Space as their next topic. They will be creating Space fact files, Poems, and a report.</p> <p>Grammar and punctuation will be revising the use of simple conjunctions and introducing alphabetical order to the second letter. We will also be building on our sentence structure work, looking to increase the use of interesting vocabulary and openers.</p> <p>For our spelling <u>Spelling</u> this term our <u>will</u> focus will <u>be on</u> block 5 and 6 of our spelling programme, looking at plurals s and es <u>eg. chairs, trams, lunches, dishes</u> and regular multi-syllabic words eg. : <u>caterpillar and umbrella</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>In Numeracy this term, we will continue with number processes, focussing on revision and increasing challenge of addition and subtraction. We will be developing their 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 link up with our Space topic and be looking at Mass and Capacity, learning how to make accurate measurements and simple conversions. We will also look at Money, learning to use coins to make different amounts and calculate correct change in real life situations.</p> <p>Digital resources Sumdog and Topmarks will be used to further support P3 learners in numeracy. Children have their own logins should they wish to use Sumdog at home. Please contact Mrs Gilbertson or Mr Riches if you need your log in.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our topic this term is Space we will be leaning about the planets and looking at a timeline of significant events in space.</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing, we will be looking at our own strengths, interests and skills and tying this in with our topic looking at what skill set an astronaut or engineer would need.</p> <p>We will also be looking at preparing simple, healthy food for our Burns celebrations, ensuring that we are working safely and hygienically.</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: Parents involvement in their children's learning is invaluable and we have provided a Homelearning Wall to compliment the learning that goes on in class. In addition to this, please ensure your child is reading regularly at home (15 minutes at bedtime is a good routine to establish) to improve all aspects of literacy and practise their times tables to increase confidence in multiplication and division. 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: Monday We take every opportunity to learn outdoors (despite the weather!) so please ensure your child comes to school prepared!</p> <p>Balgreen Story Time: Please continue to take books from our story time bookshelf as often as you like. This is located just inside the P3/4 door. Children can access this in the morning, during breaks and at the end of the day.</p>

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

Yours sincerely,

