

Term 3 Parent Newsletter Primary 1



Welcome to Term 3!

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a lovely break and enjoyable festive period. It has been great welcoming back the children over the last couple of weeks and we are all settling back into routines well.

As the weather continues to be cold and wintery, please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. We are more than happy for any puddle suits or wellies to be left in school if this helps.

Mail drop day is a Friday, if your child has any letters they will come home in their coloured folder. Please send your child's mail drop folder back in to school the following week.

P.E

Mrs Irvine-McLean, our P.E specialist, will be taking the class for P.E on a Monday morning. Please ensure your child is sent to school in appropriate clothing that they will be comfortable exercising in.

Staffing

Class teachers will be Mrs Hooper on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs McIlorum on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Thomson, Mrs Doan and Miss Carruthers will be the learning assistants within the room this term to support us with our learning.

At times there may be other adults in the classroom, including specialists such as speech and language therapists.

Meta-Skills

As part of our health and wellbeing work, our Meta-skills focus this term will continue to be communicating as we further develop the use of core boards within the classroom with the support of Deborah Little from Speech and Language. Focusing will also be a Meta-Skill we look at as we begin to develop the introduction of more adult initiated tasks.

Curriculum

As discussed at Learner Conference appointments in November, the children will be working on and following their own individual targets and milestones throughout the term. These will be targeted through our play-based approach - you will get to see many photos of our learning.

Our IDL focus this term is our local area and spring. We will explore our local area through different contexts to provide the pupils with a wide variety of opportunities and experiences. We will also be exploring the season of spring and changes that occur throughout, we will use many sensory play activities both indoors and outdoors. We will continue to have a different focus of Music, Art, Big Explore (time in the wider playground), Food Prep and Sensory stories in the afternoons.

Where appropriate and possible we will take the children to join their mainstream class, we may also have some of their peers join us for play in the learning centre. This will look different for each child as we factor in each child's individual needs when planning this.

Communication

This term we will still use e-mail to communicate photo updates. Please ensure you inform the office of any absence or appointments.

You can contact Mrs McIlorum on - gw13mcilorumlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk and Mrs Hooper on gw18hooperlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Polite Reminder

Please remember that support staff do not start work until 9am, therefore we unfortunately cannot accommodate early drop off due to there being no staff available. If there are ever any issues please contact either Mrs McIlorum or Mrs Hooper.

Thank you for your support with this.