

It has been lovely to see the children back following the Christmas Holidays!

What are we planning for this term?

Curriculum

This term topics we will be covering are

- Snow mini-topic
- Chinese New Year (Year of the snake) mini-topic
- Food (past and present, and food transport) before February break
- Scottish Landscapes after February break
- Our areas for literacy are Burns and Scottish poetry, followed by descriptions.
- Our focus for numeracy will be fractions up until the February short break, followed by measuring length and distances.
- Metaskills to be covered this term are adapting and resilience.

As usual, these topics are chosen to incorporate the mainstream classes' topics (from Early to Second Level), so that when opportunities arise for our children to be with their mainstream classes they have some knowledge of what might be discussed and what is seen on classroom walls and so on.



Reminders

- Please remember to send your child with warm clothing for outside learning and play, including hats and gloves if they tolerate them. In class we give the children sensory experiences which can be messy, so please send the children in clothing which is easily washed. We try our best to teach the children to stay clean, but not at the expense of their learning!
- Lunches – please remember to order your child's lunch via iPayimpact. If your child always has a packed lunch or always eats at home, you can just fill it in for the whole term! This term Mrs Armstrong is putting together a visual menu, which we will eventually send out to the children who take school lunches to help with lunch choices.

Staffing: Mrs Armstrong works Monday – Wednesday. Mrs Brown is currently working Thursdays and Fridays. Both teachers cover numeracy, literacy and our topics. Mrs Armstrong also covers proprioception which is about our body co-ordination and interoception which is about our feelings and emotions (we do reinforce these all the time, but have specific activities with Mrs Armstrong). Mrs Armstrong also covers food preparation and sensory stories. Mrs Brown covers music and oversees Fun 31. Mrs Irvine-McLean takes the children for PE on a Friday specifically for the Learning Centre children, but some of our children also have the opportunity to do PE with their mainstream class too. If it is not appropriate for the children to have PE with their mainstream class, or if we are not able to support the child with a member of staff, we make sure we have active times during every day, for example, yoga and dance inside, or scooters outside.

Wider achievements: If there is anything your child has achieved out of school, please let us know so we can share the celebration! Whether it is joining a club, overcoming a fear, taking on a chore at home, or learning a new skill however big or small, we'd love to hear about it.

Communication – Please phone the school office (01387 263594) if your child is absent from school. During the day it is hard for us to get to the phone, but here is Mrs Armstrong's email: gw09armstrongsarah@ea.dumgal.sch.uk and Mrs Brown's email: gw13browngail2@ea.dumgal.sch.uk