

Dear Parents, this newsletter will update you on changes to our curriculum focus in term 2, and remind you of class routines. Please communicate queries or share information by sending a note to school with your child, or phone the school office if necessary. ALL absence information must be directed to the office. For more formal communications my email address is below. Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to catching up with you at PPT appointments in school in the next few weeks. H.McKirdle Email address: gw08mckirdlehelen@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

OUR CONTEXTS FOR LEARNING

Numeracy (will include)

- To create, count and record maths arrays to support repeated addition, division and multiplication.
- Use skip counting (sequences of multiples) to count items arranged in equal groups e.g. 2, 5, or 10, and represent these as multiplication equations
- To explore data handling looking at different ways to collect and record data.

Health & Well-Being - To understand positive things about relationships and friendships and know who to talk to when worried/ upset - with a focus on playground social skills and resilience.

In P.E - gymnastics - techniques & movement sequences; and dance - rhythms and basic steps in Scottish country dancing.

Literacy (will include) -

- To use nouns, pronouns & adjectives in our writing.
- To identify the purpose of a range of texts.
- To create a range of texts including poems.
- To extend our range of reading strategies and comprehension skills.

IDL - RME - Explore and compare at least one belief from Christianity, one World Religion, and one belief group independent of religion.

Christmas Concert - pupils will soon bring home lyrics to learn in preparation for our concert mid-December. When this happens, it will replace reading homework for that time as instructed. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

NOTE - The above is our focus in the main areas of our curriculum only - lots more will be going on both in and out of class too. Please also note - this is a guide. Some children may need adapted learning plans to support / extend some or all of these contexts.

HOMEWORK REMINDERS -

Spelling homework - spelling word lists will be shared every second week on a Tuesday. Practise, practise, practise for a check-up the following Monday.

Reading homework - A familiar reading book will be sent home every Tuesday to read at least 3 times over the week, and returned to school every day in the plastic wallet. Speed word lists will be sent week about with spelling, every second Tuesday.

Numeracy/ Maths - Please log in to Sumdog and practise skills that have been set for pupils (at least every second week when speed word lists are sent home).

Staff & specialists in P2/3 in Term 2 are -

Tuesday - Mr. Sharp - P.E

Wednesday - Mrs. Clanachan - Maths, and Health & Well Being.

NEWS - P.E this term - Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday - wear PE Kit to school and bring uniform in bag. Leave PE Kit in class for Friday's PE, after which pupils will wear Kit home.

Our class library visit this term is scheduled for 21st November. Please send any books to return into school, and pupil's library card.

Lunches

Please remember to complete lunch forms online as previously requested. More information can be found here

[School meals \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](http://School meals (dumgal.gov.uk))

Please refer to previous information sent to parents re. payment/ registration.

PITCH - To help protect school trousers pupils should wear spare 'pitch' trousers when playing on any playground grassy areas. These can be kept in class and sent home as needed.

GLOW BLOG - remember to check for class news/ updates and photographs on our school blog <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/heathhallschool/>