

Dear Parents, WOW - term 4! A busy term lies ahead so we've picked up the pace now we're almost P3! Please look out for ClassDojo messages about whole class reminders etc. Class teachers will not access messages from parents so do continue to share information by sending a note to school with your child, or phone the school office if necessary. For more formal communications my email address is below. Thank you for your ongoing support. H. McKirdle Email address: gw08mckirdlehelen@ea.dumgal.sch.uk

Our Learning Focus in Term 4



Numeracy - This will include continuing to practise both mental strategies and written layouts for addition and subtraction; calculating with money; and exploring measure - volume, height, length, and weight.

Literacy - We will continue to extend and build on our knowledge of spelling patterns, reading fluency & expression, comprehension skills, identifying personal writing targets and introduce writing procedure texts.

In Health and Well-Being our focus is on 'Positivity'. - this includes recognising emotions, positive vocabulary and strategies that help us cope with negative feelings.

We will also have French Café - preparing and tasting food!



OUR CONTEXTS FOR LEARNING - IDL (will include -)

- Exploring some common diseases - their symptoms, how they spread, prevention methods and treatment.
- Understand how characteristics are inherited - in humans, plants and animals.
- Other contexts for learning this term including Kodomo no hi - (a Japanese celebration of children!) Sports' Day, Guid Nichburris, and very soon it's ... **'Walk to School Week' from 18th - 22nd May**. Come on P2 let's get that golden trainer this time!!!

Term 4 homework reminders - Please send in jotters, books and wallets every day.

Reading homework every week set on a Tuesday.
Spelling homework will alternate with speed word reading lists every second week. Spelling tests will be the Monday after the words are sent home. **Sumdog / other maths** (or other homework) every second week. Please continue with Sumdog the weeks we have speed word lists.

We have started a block of Youth Music Initiative sessions with an YMI instructor Emily, which will run for 5 weeks. We love it! Please do ask your child which songs they enjoy and can remember.



- DO ALWAYS SEND IN A WATERPROOF COAT
- P.E KIT ROUTINE - Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday - wear P.E kit to school and bring uniform in bag. Leave P.E kit in class for Friday's PE, after which pupils will wear kit home. As you know this sometimes changes - thank you for understanding.
- As the weather improves, please check your child applies sun cream ideally before school and provide a sun hat too.
- Always send in a full water bottle each day.

Staff / Specialists this term -

Tues - Mr. Sharp - P.E

Wed - Mrs. Clanachan - Maths and Health & Well-Being.

Parent Helpers - Any offer you can give us is invaluable!

If any parent or grandparent could commit to helping us with our outdoor garden area for a short time this term - please let me know.

Lunches - Please continue to order lunches in advance on iPay online. For further information, please contact the school office. If your child chooses a home packed lunch, please add this info online too.

Wider Achievements - We look forward to hearing about achievements from out-with pupils' school day. This may be from a hobby/ club /or family event. Please ask if you would like another certificate to record a recent achievement. This will be shared and celebrated at our whole school assembly!



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! Please consider this a guide. Some children may need adapted learning plans to support / extend some or all of these contexts.