

# Primary 2/3 NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2026-2027



## Teacher's Note

We are absolutely delighted to welcome in our pupils to join in our new P2/3 class. We hope this year is full of lots of fun!

You can find out more information at our 'Meet the Teacher' event on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. P2/3M P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday.

## Literacy

Spelling – We will be following East Ayrshire's Active Literacy phonics programme focussing on blending and segmenting sounds in words. We will learn a new phoneme each week and practise spelling and writing these words through a variety of different active tasks and written jobs.

Reading – Pupils will continue to explore the Big Cat Reading scheme, reading age and stage appropriate texts in class and as part of homework. The children will also be encouraged to read for enjoyment on a regular basis through our DEAR sessions.

Writing – In term 1, we will be completing a block of narrative writing with a specific focus on sentence building with the use of descriptive language. We will also work on our 'tools for writing', such as capital letters and punctuation, to build confidence in writing more independently.

## Numeracy

This term the children will be learning about:

Place Value – We will begin to recognise and recall numbers up to 100, working on ordering forwards and counting backwards. We will practise reading and writing numbers to 20 in both digits and words. We will also begin to partition 2 digit numbers to better understand their value.

Number Bonds – We will continue to explore number stories up to 20 and use rhymes and songs to improve our recall.

Addition and Subtraction – We will begin to link addition and subtraction facts using number stories and knowledge of number bonds. We will be focussing on improving our ability to recall addition facts to 20 and beyond.

## Context for Learning

Social Studies – in term 1, our class topic will be Pirates. We will be exploring the history pirates, using maps to explore the oceans in which they travelled and discussing their lifestyle.

Art & Design – We will be using our Pirates topic as a stimulus for our art pieces this term as we begin explore colour, line and tone. We will also have the opportunity to explore model building.

Music – We will begin our year by exploring Beat and Rhythm. We will participate in a variety of body percussion activities to learn about the fundamentals of music.

## Health and Wellbeing

P.E – This term we will be working on a block of athletics and fitness. We will explore the various aspects of fitness and develop our skills in both track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing. We will also spend time revisiting ways to keep safe in the gym hall.

Core Health – In Term 1, our focus in Health & Wellbeing will be feelings and regulating our emotions. We will discuss how our emotions may present and how we can make positive friendships.