



CADDER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Curricular Newsletter Primary 3 Term 1



This term your son/daughter will focus on:

Literacy and Language

Reading- P3 are learning about Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) through stories. We are learning to ask and answer better questions using framing techniques. We are really enjoying this new learning!

Writing- We will continue to use the Talk for Writing model to explore setting in our writing, with a focus on how a sentence is constructed. We will also have weekly opportunities to recount personal and topical news. Weekly handwriting lessons will enhance our cursive handwriting skills.

Talk and Listening- These key skills will be developed across the curriculum, with partner and small group activities to provide opportunities for enhancing these skills. Our new HOTS skills will be used to increase our use of questioning and answering to clarify meanings.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We will be exploring:

- Multiplication will be introduced, with further opportunities to develop addition and subtraction operations in problem-solving tasks. Strategies of repeated addition, grouping, arrays and multiplication facts will be used to develop our understanding here.
- Shape will be our weekly mathematical focus, where we will be identifying 2D and 3D shapes, and describing their properties using mathematical language.

Your child will partake in active learning experiences to support their understanding of the operations. This will be done in groups, and these skills will also be developed in independent tasks to allow challenge and develop their number knowledge.

Health and Physical Education

The class are learning to move around at different speeds, paces and direction on command. We are exploring other ways our body can travel and playing games to develop these skills. We will also use these skills to help us in our weekly dance lesson, where we will be learning some Scottish country dancing. We continue to have support from Achieve More every week and will be completing Marathon Kids outside every afternoon.

Primary 3 will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of emotions, and ways in which we can identify different emotions and strategies that can provide coping mechanisms. Resilience will be our key focus this term, and we will look at Growth Mindset to promote positive attitudes to ourselves- and to our learning!

Social Studies, Science and Technologies

Sustainability will be our focus this term, where we will be exploring the journey of food. In science we will be exploring how climate can affect living things, identifying where different foods come from. From this we will consider the carbon footprint of different foods, investigating ways in which we can live more sustainably with our food choices. We will use digital technology to collect, capture information and communicate our ideas.

Music, Drama and Art

The class will be exploring beat and pitch using hand instruments and boomwhackers in weekly music lessons with Mrs Clinton this term. We will be exploring pattern and texture in our art lessons this term. We



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will use our new mathematical knowledge of shape to create crafts and patterns for this term's festivals, including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Drama will be used to explore and role-play scenarios in our HWB lessons promoting Growth Mindset. We will also be using our performing skills for some special Christmas events!

Religious Education

In RME we are learning about first impressions and how quickly we make judgments about people. We will also be learning how first impressions may not be accurate when we first get to know people better.

Modern Languages

Primary 3 will continue with our daily greetings, classroom instructions and days of the week in French. Related to our topic we will introduce different food and drink preferences.



Special days this term for your son/daughter are:

Mrs Clinton teaches all day on a Tuesday and on a Wednesday afternoon.

Primary 3's PE days: Tuesday and Thursday. Bring all necessary kit for PE lessons – shorts, t-shirts and indoor shoes. Please do NOT wear any jewellery to school on these days. Primary 3 should change into their soft shoes every morning. We ask that you provide your child with a pair of these with their name written inside. Soft Shoes to be worn in school at ALL times.

Homework is issued on Seesaw Monday to be completed by Friday.

As a reminder, we are a health promoting school and therefore, ask that no chocolate, sweets or fizzy juice should be provided as snack. Only plain water should be drunk in class.