

**Class Teachers:**

Primary 3a: Mrs Dornan

Primary 3b: Miss Kilbridge

**Welcome!**

Welcome back to school. The children have settled into their new classes so well. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

**Primary 3 Newsletter**

**Numeracy**

**Number:** The children will experience daily Mental Maths warm ups as well as number songs and Number Talks. Our focus topics this term include reading and matching 2- and 3-digit numbers, step-counting in 2s, 4s, 5s and 10s, using number lines and songs, and recognising odd and even numbers in sequences.

**Beyond Number:** In Maths so far, we have learned about the different months, seasons and ways to write the date. We are currently working on shape, colour and picture patterns. The children will be creating their own shape and colour patterns using digital learning. We will soon be moving onto measure and capacity, a lot of which will be through the context of our Oceans and Pirates topic through active learning and digital technologies.

**Literacy**

**Reading:** The children are developing their reading strategies and this term will focus on prediction, fiction and non-fiction. Our current class book is ‘Our class is a Family’, which relates to our ‘I Am Unique’ topic and the forming of our class charter. Children are encouraged to read their books aloud every night at home to gain confidence with fluency of reading.

**Writing:** The children will be learning about sentence structure this term using colourful semantics. They will also be writing character descriptions about pirates and setting descriptions about deserted islands. For support, the children will have access to iPads with word mats and sentence starters for writing.

 **Talking & Listening:** Primary 3 have been sharing what makes us unique during class discussions and Circle Time. We will continue to focus on taking turns and using looking eyes and listening ears. The children will reflect on their learning each week in their Learning Logs on Seesaw.



**Gym/Lunch**

Our gym days are Monday and Thursday. Pupils will bring their gym kit in a labelled bag and will get changed in school. Pupils can wear a polo shirt, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms in the school colours. No football strips please.

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school every day. We have water machines around the school for children to refill their water throughout the day.

**Homework**

Thank you in advance for supporting your child to complete their homework. The children will have Literacy homework on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Numeracy homework on Tuesdays and Thursday. We ask that your child practises their spelling words and reads their reading book every night. Homework on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday will be on Seesaw. Homework on a Tuesday will be on Sumdog.

Children were given a Seesaw code at the beginning of the year to use to login. If you need a new code, please let the school know. Sumdog passwords were sent on Seesaw messenger to each child.

**Creative Learning**

The pupils will continue to learn actively and will have opportunities to engage in teacher-led, teacher-initiated and child-led learning activities. Our classroom environment also includes iPads, which are used to enhance learning across the curriculum.

Please ensure that your child is dressed for all weathers with a suitable jacket and footwear etc. as we will also provide learning opportunities for the children to learn outdoors.

**Health and Wellbeing**

Across the whole school, children have an ‘emotions check-in’ twice a day, morning and afternoon. Children who are not feeling calm or happy will be supported by their teachers to access the calm corner or to use a regulation strategy that will make them feel better. This will also be supported by class Health and Wellbeing activities on emotions, thoughts, feelings, friendships and ways to access support. Growth mindset is encouraged within the classroom throughout all curriculum areas.

We created our class charter at the beginning of the term, using ideas from everyone on what should be our rules and responsibilities in class.

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

Primary 3 have been learning about being unique and special in our ‘I Am Unique’ topic, and this linked with our class text ‘Our class is a Family’. We are then moving on to an ‘Oceans and Pirates’ topic, which will include lots of opportunities for reading and writing around a pirate theme and measuring length and capacity in Maths. We will also be using Technology such as iPads to research the Oceans of the world and will compare a seaside town with Glasgow. Our Oceans and Pirates topic will also provide great opportunities for artwork, drama and technology (e.g. making pirate ships).