



The children have settled well back into this term after the delayed snowy return.

Literacy

Listening and Talking

This term, we will be continuing to practise our questioning skills so we know the difference between a question and a statement. We will also be giving our opinions of various subjects.



Writing

We are continuing to work hard on our CYPIC writing 3 days a week. The children are beginning to become better at recognising missing punctuation in their writing when proof reading their work and are seeing the benefits of this key skill. During CYPIC this term we will be doing some instruction writing, writing facts about how animals live in winter conditions, as well as some Chinese New Year writing.



Reading

The younger learners in the class have been working their way through their phonics and we thank you for continuing to support them with their learning. They will soon be getting some word lists home to practise sounding out and blending. Small group reading sessions continue to take place twice a week and are supported by an adult. The children are encouraged to read as much as possible at home to help improve their confidence and fluency as well as to help with spelling and widen their vocabulary for writing. If your child has a book they would like to share with the class, please take it in and we can read it during one of our story time slots.



Spelling

Some learners continue to work our way through all our phonics and are practising our sounds regularly in preparation for reading and writing. Other learners will continue to work on their daily spelling activities. These focus on learning and using spelling patterns to build words and increase vocabulary which will help to improve writing.



Numeracy

During numeracy sessions we all start the term looking at shape, position and movement. Some children will then be covering number processes, place value and fractions. The rest of the class will be learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies for solving problems. On a Friday, the class will be focusing on measure.



IDL

We will begin this term looking at *'how our choices affect the world we share'*. Children will explore everyday materials, recycling and waste, and think about how small changes can make a big difference.



Later in the term, we'll travel back in time with a look at the Castles of Moray! Pupils will learn about local castles, what life was like for children long ago, and get creative through art, model-making, role play and design.

French/Music

Mrs Fletcher is taking the class for French and Music on a Tuesday afternoon. She will be revising greetings and colours for French as well as saying the days of the week and what the weather is like. For music the class will be learning to find the pulse, repeat simple rhythms and sing nursery rhymes. P2-5 will be learning to sing some songs and appraise music – they will be beginning to recognise vocal lines and instruments, pitch and different music styles. All children will have the opportunity to play the glockenspiel and explore percussion instruments during various music sessions.



PE

PE this term will take place on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon. This term we are learning gymnastics, dodgeball and badminton. Please support your child to ensure they have a T-shirt, shorts and trainers to change into, thanks.



Mrs Dorsett, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Clayton