



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome all of the children back to Elderbank and extend a special welcome to our new pupils. This newsletter will give you a flavour of what we will be covering this term in the Pioneers. We are always here to help and if you have any worries or concerns please get in touch via Seesaw or speak to any of us at school.

Mrs Boyd and Mrs Jarrott (Class Teachers) and Miss Coleman (EYP)



Health and Wellbeing

We are enjoying our sessions in the PE Hall and are working on travelling in a variety of ways at different speeds, this will begin to increase our awareness of our personal space and different ways to use our body. We also have a games session each week during this time we focus on working alongside others doing a variety of activities. During our games we also work on our listening skills and following rules to keep us safe. We read The Colour Monster in class and used this to help us think about different feelings. Children were then able to talk about their emotions and feelings.



Numeracy

This term children will work on money as part of the Harvest topic. Some children will work on identifying coins whilst others will begin to add coins. We will have a class shop which will allow children to practise their skills whilst playing with their friends. Children will as always work on extending their number range. Some children will build on their addition and subtraction skills and begin to use a number line to help them with their calculations.



Literacy

As a class we will work on writing using the correct letter formation and pencil grip. As always we will continue to encourage children to engage with books through exploration of a range of texts. We will work on comprehension and understanding of text at your child's level. Children will be encouraged to share their news in a small group setting, some children will also be able to write or illustrate their news. Each child has a reading book in class, we share these regularly and all staff enjoy this quiet time with the children.



Inter-Disciplinary Learning

This term we are looking at the Harvest. We will talk about the traditions of Harvest and link this to the Harvest Festival. During the topic we will also look at foods and begin to sort these into fruit, vegetable and meat. As part of our topic we will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of musical games and songs.



Diary

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday, please ensure your child has gym shoes and clothes in school. Could we please ask that all belongings are clearly labelled. Seesaw will continue to be our main method of communication, please remember that we are always keen to see any photos or hear about any achievements from home.

Lunches

Please find the link for school lunches below -

<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EducationalServices/SchoolMeals/lunch-menu-mainland.pdf>

It would be useful if you could discuss the menu with your child before the school day, this will help them choose a meal they will enjoy.