



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy term 2 and worked hard practising our Christmas Show, we hope everyone enjoyed it. This newsletter will give you some information about what we are going to cover in Term 3. We are always here to help so please get in touch via Seesaw or speak to us at school if you have any worries or concerns. All of the staff in The Pioneers wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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



Health and Wellbeing

Children are all working well in PE and beginning to show an understanding of how to stay safe within the gym hall. We will work on gymnastics where we will learn different ways to jump and land, roll and travel in the hall. To increase fitness we will begin to complete simple circuits in PE. We will also use the large equipment and apparatus and follow the rules which go with that. We will continue to use Emotionworks in class, this will help children have a deeper understanding of their feelings and give them some strategies to use if they are feeling overwhelmed.



Numeracy

This term all children will continue to work on number. Some will be recognising and forming numbers and others may be furthering their skills in addition and subtraction. We will also further learning and social skills by playing number games. In measure this term we will focus on weight and capacity. Children will enjoy a variety of practical activities and experiments.



Literacy

As a class we will continue to work on letter formation, pencil control and grip. This will make writing easier and allow children to experience success in this area. We will also work on writing this term, this will include personal, imaginative and descriptive writing. Children will work at their own level and be given the support they require to produce their work. Some children will do further work on 'tricky words' while others will continue weekly spelling tasks. We will also further develop listening skills. All children will work on turn taking when listening and talking in a group and others will begin to think about the responding to others and looking at the speaker.



Inter-Disciplinary Learning

This term our topic will be Scotland. We will begin to learn about our place in the world and some of the traditions of our country. We will also listen to Scottish music, try some Scottish dancing and traditional foods. We will celebrate our national poet Robert Burns by learning a Scots poem and having a class Burns Supper. In Science our topic will be water. We will be finding out what we use water for, why water is important and how water changes. We will investigate changes in water around us, for example puddles drying up and ice melting.



Diary

Our PE will be on a Tuesday and a Thursday please ensure your child has gym shoes and clothes in school. Could parents please ensure that ALL clothes and shoes labelled with your child's name before being brought in to school 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.

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.