

# Elderbank Primary School / Home Information

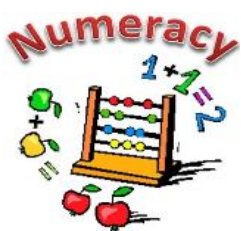


## Classbase 8 - Mrs Murray and Mr Strang Term 4 2023-2024

### Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see most of you at the Open Afternoon. The woodland walk and Easter egg hunt were very popular with the boys. We hope this has given you further insight into the activities and organisation of the classroom. We were delighted that you could be part of our learning. We are looking forward to the better weather and will be going into the local community more this term. Please remember to send a warm jacket, as we will be outside for parts of each day. We will continue with our work in personal and dental care to encourage independence. We will continue to focus on teaching life skills. Our topics will be 'Shops and Shopping', 'My Local Environment', 'Peter Rabbit' and 'The Zoo Vet' stories and adventures.

### Mathematics



Each pupil has an individualised programme of numeracy activities and we continue to focus on extending their understanding of number and mathematics. Tasks will include formation and recognition of numbers, and learning about pattern and shape. We will use regular trips to the local shops to learn more about money, focusing on exchanging it for goods or services. We will also have a shop within the class for role-play.

### Literacy

We are developing a love of books and read stories every day in class. We will continue to develop individual skills and language targets. Staff will work individually with each child to help with recognizing and forming our own names. We will develop mark making and pre writing skills using our whiteboards, pens, pencils, chalk and paint. We are starting to learn to recognise high frequency words and shop names as we are identifying environmental print during our outdoor learning. We continue to develop communication skills using visuals, Go Talk device, switches and spoken language.



### Health and wellbeing



Our gym sessions are great fun and it is lovely to see the boys becoming more confident and willing to attempt more ambitious gymnastic routines. We prepare food every day and will continue to learn about cutting, slicing and good food hygiene. We enjoy baking, cooking or making soup and we sometimes eat these foods for afternoon snack. We will continue to encourage everyone to touch, smell and taste different ingredients. The children get stars each time they achieve a personal wellbeing target and they enjoy updating their star charts to recognise their individual achievements.

### Inter-Disciplinary Learning

We will make the most of the summer term and the opportunities for Outdoor Learning within the local community. We will visit shops, parks and woodland areas around our school which I'm sure we will all enjoy. We will look at changes in plants and wildlife and hopefully see some of the animals that we are learning about in our stories. We will use the iPad to record our learning and take photographs for Seesaw.



**Expressive Arts** – We continue to learn new songs and use percussion during Music time. We will explore different materials to produce handcrafts and use these on our classroom displays. We will also engage with sensory art activities relating to all of our topics.



**Diary** - PE is still on a Thursday and Friday. Please remember to check and comment on your child's Seesaw. If you wish to contact us, you can message us via Seesaw or call the school office. Remember that you can upload photographs of your weekend activities to Seesaw if you wish us to discuss these in the class.

Kind regards,

Mrs Murray, Mr Strang, Mrs McLuckie, Mrs Reeder, Mrs Bennison and Miss Nolan