



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we are moving into the last term of the year. Term 3 has been very busy and we enjoyed seeing some parents come in for events held in school. This newsletter will give you an idea of what we hope to cover in Term 4. 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 staff in the Pioneers hope you have a relaxing Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back in April.

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



Health and Wellbeing

In Term 3 we began to work on Zones of Regulation, and we will continue to explore these in Term 4. These Zones colour code different emotions and allow children to better identify how they are feeling. We will continue to encourage children to share how they feel each morning and ask them to think about why they might feel that way. We will continue to work with the large apparatus in PE, this encourages all children to develop their gross motor skills and allow them to build their confidence and manage risk safely. For health and safety reasons all children must wear shorts when using the large apparatus.



Numeracy

In Numeracy some children will further work on addition, using concrete materials, a number line and some children will begin regrouping or exchanging. For our weekly whole class lesson our focus will be on fractions, concentrating on halves. Children will work on practical activities to discover two halves make a whole.



Literacy

Each child will continue to explore text through their own reading book. We will work on the understanding and comprehension of the text both orally and in writing. Most children are still working on 'tricky words' and are progressing well. Within writing we will be continuing to develop our understanding of sentence structure. We will use a variety of pictures as a stimulus to help the children further develop their vocabulary and imagination and then some pictorial structure cards to help them transfer their 'story' to the written word.



Inter-Disciplinary Learning

This term our topic will be 'Becoming Eco Friendly'. We will look at what 'eco' means and how we can become more eco-friendly at school, home and in our community. Activities around this topic will include planting seeds and looking after them, litter picking and looking at recycling. We have also been lucky to receive seed potatoes from the Grow Your Own Potatoes scheme. Looking after the potatoes and seeing the harvest will give children a clearer understanding of where their food comes from. When we are out and about in the community, we will also have a focus on road safety, looking for the best place to cross a road and how to do this safely. In Science we are going to be learning about how we use our different senses. We will be taking part in lots of practical activities to help us discover and understand more about the differences between each of our senses.

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 pleased to see any photos or hear about any achievements and share these with the other children in class.

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.