

## The Explorers Term 4 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

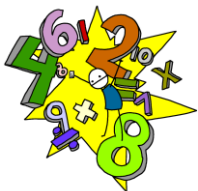
Term 3 has been very busy for the Explorers with us visiting a lot of places in the community. The Explorers enjoyed a trip to Dundonald Castle, regular visits to the local Towerlands Café and the shop. For Term 4, we plan to continue taking them outdoors into the community in order to build on their life skills.

*Mrs Ross and Mrs Martarano*

### Health and Wellbeing

In Term 4, the Explorers will continue to enjoy their P.E. sessions, where they will be focusing on Badminton skills. This will involve progressing their hand eye coordination, handling of the racket and balance. With Spring approaching, we plan to get out in the community more with visits to the café, park, forest and even the library too. These community visits will assist the pupils in achieving their Junior Award Scheme for Schools (JASS) along with a wide range of other learning experiences to capture and recognise achievement. Additionally, learners will continue to look at medicines and harmful substances but will progress onto the human body.

### Mathematics and Numeracy



The Explorers will consolidate their current personal targets, before progressing to their new targets in May. Some of the learners will be moving onto problem solving with addition, subtraction and multiplication, while other will be focusing on single digit subtraction and numbers to 20. All of the learners will begin looking at measure, non-standard and standard units of measurement and will experiment with weight too. The pupils will also focus on 2D and 3D shape, where they will be exploring the shapes, vertices, names and also lines of symmetry.

Some of the learners will begin looking at information handling, where they will be recording data in a variety of ways.

### Literacy/Communication

For Literacy, some of the children are continuing to progress with Colourful Semantics, moving through the colour coded stages to develop their sentences further. The other learners will be exploring informational writing, where they will be writing recipes, fact files and research reports. All of the children will be enjoying a topic on the book 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and participating in a variety of learning experiences related to this. We have been enjoying our listening and talking lessons, where all learners have been participating in problem solving activities and games and we will continue these for Term 4. The Explorers have been enjoying learning BSL in class lessons, and we will continue to develop these skills this term.

### Diary

Our P.E. days continue to be on a Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. We have Outdoor Learning on a Tuesday afternoon and Thursday. It would be helpful to ensure the children have suitable clothing on these days. Waterproof trousers and jackets are provided for Outdoor Learning. The Explorers will continue to attend the Supported Learning Assembly on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will be sharing their interests with each other on a Friday afternoon through Show and Tell. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to engage in cooking tasks and learning about safety in the kitchen. We will continue to use Seesaw as our key communication platform and we encourage you to share anything that the children are participating in at home with us too. Please do not hesitate to get in touch through Seesaw or by phone if there is anything we can help with.