

## Class base 8 - Mrs Murray and Mr Strang Term 2 2024-2025

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to enjoy our days working with the children in CB8 and are looking forward to Term 2. Our topics will include Our Community, Halloween, Bonfire Night and Christmas as well as another literacy topic which will be based on 'How The Grinch Stole Christmas.'

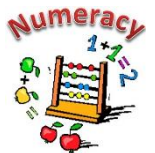
### Health and wellbeing



We continue to enjoy gym times and this term we will be focusing on playing traditional circle games, turn-taking and working in a group. We will continue to develop climbing and rolling skills in gymnastics on mats and apparatus. Opportunities for Outdoor Learning will be maximised when weather permits and we will enjoy further exploration of the local community. We will introduce sticker charts to encourage children to meet their personal health and wellbeing targets.

### Mathematics

In Numeracy, work will continue to focus on extending each child's knowledge of numbers in accordance with their individual targets. This will include recognition, understanding and formation of numbers as well as learning to solving simple number problems. We will visit local shops to develop practical experiences of working with money and exchanging money for goods.



### Literacy



In Literacy, work will continue to extend individual skills in accordance with each child's targets. We will continue to work on developing early writing skills using a variety of materials e.g. whiteboards, smartboard, pens and pencils. These will be used for mark making, overwriting and copying. We will try to encourage children's interest in books and develop reading skills by visiting the library weekly to change our books. We will also listen to class stories and learn about different characters and the names for parts of books. We will continue to work on single sounds and blending them to read and write words.

### Inter-Disciplinary Learning

Outdoor Learning will continue to be a big part of our week and we will investigate changes which take place through autumn and into winter. We will also explore the different parts of our school building and the main facilities in the community around the school. In ICT, we will be using technology to enhance our learning tasks using Topmark games. Cooking and baking will continue to be part of our timetable and we will prepare different foods for snack. Children will be encouraged to touch, smell and taste different foods. In Science, we will learn about parts of a human body and how it moves.



### Expressive Arts

We will continue to explore song and rhythm through Charanga Music and we are learning to sign along with some of the songs. We will also use dance songs with actions and circle games to encourage all to take part. We will continue to explore different textures and materials in art and craft activities and will use these to design objects.



### Diary

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. We will keep gym clothes in school unless we feel that they get too small. Library visits will be on a Tuesday.

Thank you for the great engagement on Seesaw during the first term. It has been great getting to know you all along with your children and we look forward to continuing this throughout the year. Please feel free to get in touch at any time if you have any concerns.



Kind regards,  
Staff of CB8

Mrs Murray, Mr Strang, Mrs McLuckie, Miss Clinton and Mrs Reeder.