

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun filled start to the year in the Pioneers classroom! The pupils have settled into our routine so well and we've been able to work and play and get outside. We are here to help so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. I hope this curriculum newsletter will provide you with valuable information about what your child will be learning in the coming term.



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Health and Wellbeing

We have taken to eating our lunch through in the main dining hall with 2 other classes very well and will continue to take this opportunity to develop our social skills. The children have enjoyed cooking each week and preparing snacks using their cutting, mixing, spreading and slicing skills. Our gym days remain Tuesday and Thursday afternoons this term. We are focusing on Gross Motor Skills, conditioning our larger muscles and improving our coordination through running games, ball and target games and skipping and jumping activities. We will continue using the Zones of Regulation focusing on the Yellow zone and strategies to calm and sooth ourselves.



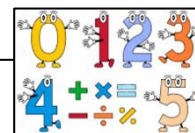
Literacy

To promote reading for enjoyment, as a whole class we will listen to a variety of engaging stories linked to our topic. In addition, each pupil will have an individual reading book in their work tray to develop understanding of their reading books through exploring characters, answering questions, and retelling the story. We will continue to use 'Colourful Semantics' to support in recording detailed sentences, while developing our vocabulary. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills with use of small tools.



Numeracy and Maths

This term in Maths we will be focusing on 3D shapes and their properties and how they can come together to create pictures and patterns and buildings. In the lead up to Christmas we will turn our focus to learning about money. We will be learning to exchange money for an item and developing an awareness of coins and notes. Pupils will continue to improve their number recognition and processes on an individual basis, focusing on sharing out a group of items equally into smaller groups.



Interdisciplinary Learning

We are delving into the holidays! Coming up we will embrace the magic of autumn and Halloween. The children will engage in stories exploring the changing seasons, learn about traditional Scottish customs, and delve into the spooky world of witches, ghosts, and goblins. Children will discuss the changing seasons, weather patterns, and plant life in autumn while creating autumn-themed crafts, Halloween decorations. We will move on to the joy and wonder of Christmas with festive poetry and music!



Reminders!

Outdoor Learning and Community Visits - We will take opportunities to go outdoors when possible. Please make sure students have some warm clothes at school as we head into winter. As well, we will soon be starting visits to the Café and practising safety out with the school grounds.

Nut Free School – We are a nut free school. We have pupils and members of staff with allergies within our classroom, please do not bring snacks with nuts to school (hazelnut/ Nutella chocolate spread, Snickers, Buenos, etc.) Thank you!

