



Pioneers -Mr Strang Term 3 HAPPY 2026!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a relaxing festive break. It was lovely to see the children back in class and ready to learn. We are planning on a very busy Term 3. Our plan for 2026 is to engage more fully with the community around the school so please send a warm jacket, as we plan to be outside most afternoons. Our topics will include **Scotland, Robert Burns and Easter**. We will also look at new life and seasonal change as we move into **Spring**.

Health and wellbeing



We will visit shops, parks and woodland areas around our school. Opportunities for Outdoor Learning across the curriculum will be maximised this term. We love gym and can safely use mats and low-level apparatus. We share our gym times with The Explorers. This has helped widen our social interactions and friendship groups. We love playing hockey and will try more team games this term.

Mathematics

We will use Outdoor Learning to enhance each pupil's numeracy; this will include trips to the local shops where we will learn more about using and counting money. We will also look at digital time linked to key events in our school day. Whenever possible our maths is linked to real life situations using life skills. Pupils are supported to develop and extend their personal numeracy skills in accordance with their individual targets in LIPS



Literacy



Our daily story time will continue to encourage children's interest in books and develop reading skills. In Literacy, each pupil is working hard developing the individual skills in reading and decoding phonics. Pupils are supported to write their own news and will be investigating this using a programme called Clicker to support our writing.

Inter-Disciplinary Learning

We love top marks and other interactive games that support learning on the smartboard. We use the drawing tools to assist with handwriting and letter formation. We take photographs on the iPad to record our achievements on our Learning Journals.



Expressive Arts

We are delighted to welcome back Ed Holmes. He is a music specialist from Drake music He is developing our skills with percussion instruments to play as a class band. In class we enjoy singing songs from Charanga Music and Mr Strang's guitar playing - but not his singing!

Diary

PE will continue to be on a Thursday and Friday. Judo is on a Wednesday afternoon for selected pupils. Gym clothes will be kept in school unless they need laundered. We will continue to communicate through Learning Journals. If you wish to share news or have any comments please message us using the app. We love to hear from you.

Kind regards,
Mr Strang and the Pioneers Staff Team