



Pioneers -Mr Strang Term 4 2025-26

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter. We are looking forward to our summer term and being able to participate in a lot more Outdoor Learning with the better weather! Our topics will be about growing plants, including some fruit and vegetables. We will also learn more about our bodies. We will be developing our playground further to include opportunities for free and structured play. The children love our shed and bikes and we will continue to use these to support our learning.

Health and wellbeing



We will make the most of opportunities for Outdoor Learning across the curriculum. We will explore our local community by visiting nearby shops, playparks, and woodland areas. We really enjoy gym and will be continuing with basketball skills and athletics. We share our gym sessions with The Explorers, which has helped broaden our social interactions and develop new friendships. We love playing hockey and will continue to try out more athletics activities. We will learn about commonwealth games in Glasgow.

Mathematics

We will use life skills to support and strengthen each pupil's numeracy skills. This will include visits to supermarkets, where pupils can practise counting and using money in real-life contexts. We will also explore analogue time and link it to key events in our school day. Whenever possible, our maths activities are connected to practical real-world skills and experiences. Pupils will be supported to develop and build on their personal numeracy skills in line with their individual LIPS targets.

Literacy



Our daily class reading books continue to spark the children's interest in stories and help develop their reading skills. We are focusing on decoding words using phonics, recalling key facts from texts, and sequencing information. In writing, each pupil is working hard to develop their individual presentation skills and to use capital letters and full stops correctly. Pupils are supported to write their own news and to help create labels and banners for our classroom. Weekly visits to the school library will continue to encourage children's interest in books and develop reading skills.

Inter-Disciplinary Learning

In Science we will learn about seeds, plants and what they need to grow. We will also try to grow some plants for food! We will work on our Outdoor Learning activities in the forest, the school grounds and not forgetting adventures in the school bus! We take photographs on the iPad to record our achievements on our Learning Journals.



Expressive Arts

In music we will continue to use Charanga Music with a focus on playing the glockenspiels along to well-known songs, using the correct notes at the right time. 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. I'm sure we will have some great fun doing this! Our skills in Art and Design will continue to develop during topic related activities that we display on our walls.

Diary

PE will continue to be on a Thursday and Friday. Gym clothes will be kept in school unless they need laundered. Our library day will be on a Friday afternoon. 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