



P.2/3 Newsletter

January – April 2024

A Message from Miss McAulay



Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely time celebrating over the festive break. After a fantastic first term with Room 2, it is lovely to be welcoming the children back to school. Here is an outline of what we will be learning this term.



Positive Reinforcements in Class

We will continue to use Class Dojo to reward positive behaviours and effort. The children are always excited and motivated by the Dojo Leadership Board which is displayed in the class throughout the week. The children have Dojo Targets to aim for and will receive a prize when they reach these.

Every second Friday an Auchinloch All Star will be chosen for the class, and certain children who have been spotted for their positive choices throughout the week will also have the opportunity to attend Treat Friday in the Staffroom.

Numeracy

Last term, the children focused on Number Processes and developed their confidence with Number Recognition and Place Value. The children then applied these skills to help them Add, Subtract, Multiply and Divide. Nearing the end of the term, the children started to learn about Fractions.

The children will start this term with a continued focus on Fractions – they will have the opportunity to revisit some previously learned concepts from last term and then will develop their skills further in this area. Following on from this, the children will move on to Money and Finance. P2 children will work with amounts up to £5 and P3 will work with amounts up to £10 – the children will also be able to work with amounts beyond these if they are ready to. Towards the end of the term, the children will learn about Time and Measure.

All learning experiences will be differentiated and challenged appropriately based on stage and ability.



Literacy

The children will continue to receive new books/novels to read in class and at home. Please read with your child at home to help the development of their fluency, expression, and word recognition. This term, the children will be working on their independence during literacy lessons with a focus on their ability to follow a literacy task board and complete Daily Writing Activities. The children will continue to use spelling strategies and phonetic knowledge to spell common and tricky words each day. Phoneme sounds will also be practiced daily.

The children will also develop their Taught Writing skills with a focus on the following genres: Recount and Persuasion. This term, the children will work on their ability to follow a Writing Plan and will also aim to produce more independent written work.



Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing lessons will continue to be structured around the SHANARRI Wellbeing Indicators. The first indicator we are going to focus on is 'Nurtured', which will teach the children about how different people need different types of food to keep themselves healthy. This indicator will also focus on the formation of positive and healthy relationships – the children will learn what it means to be a good friend and will participate in collaborative activities which will help them to form positive relationships in the class. Following on from this, we will focus on the 'Active' and 'Respected' indicators.

For PE, we will start the term off with Gymnastics. After this, the children will have the chance to develop their Badminton Skills. As we move towards the better weather, the children will get the opportunity to participate in Outdoor PE and will complete team games such as Rounders.



Interdisciplinary Learning

After learning all about Ancient Egypt last term, the children will be focusing their learning a little closer to home with a Local Area Study. The children will engage in a whole-class discussion based on what they already know about their local area and what they would like to find out about it. Our learning journey will be shaped around the varying interests of the children to ensure that this topic is engaging and relevant to them.

A link to other curricular areas will also be made throughout this IDL topic. For example, the children will have the opportunity to create artwork linking to Auchinloch.

Homework

Homework slides will be posted every second Monday on Room 2's Teams page entitled 'P2/3 & Miss McAulay'.

Please encourage your children to complete these activities **where possible**. These will be relevant to what we are learning in class and will help your children to further develop their skills at home. Reading books should be returned to school everyday to use in class.



STEM

To start off the term, the children will be learning all about Planet Earth with a focus on Living and Non-Living Things, Food Chains and Plants. Following on from this, the children will move on to learn about Magnets. Through these lessons, the children will have the opportunity to participate in practical activities and conduct their own experiments.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or senior management.

I am looking forward to another fantastic term with the wonderful children in Room 2.

