

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



Term 3 Class Newsletter 2022-23

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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome parents and carers to the Primary 3 newsletter for Term 3.

Happy New Year to you and your families! We hope you had a relaxing festive period and we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a year we hope is enjoyable and positive for you all.

We welcome back your children and hope they enjoy the range of exciting educational experiences ahead this term. Pupils will continue to build on their existing knowledge and skills and be encouraged to be kind and thoughtful to their peers. This will promote a happy classroom atmosphere and positive relationships. We will continue to set expectations from the beginning of term to remind pupils to try their best.

We also invite you to the **joint class assembly with P3a on Friday 10th March**. Details will follow in due course.

I (Ms McGill) have recently made the difficult decision to take early retirement from teaching. My last day will be Friday 24th February, so I will be there to encourage and teach the class for a large part of this term. I will miss your children very much, but I know they are very adaptable and will continue to thrive. I wish them much happiness in the future. The class teacher(s) will be confirmed nearer the time.

You will see below the areas of learning this term. Please remember the homework grid is only optional, but we do expect that children engage in regular reading. We will teach your children on the following days:

Miss Steel-Monday, Tuesday to 1115 Ms McGill-Tuesday from 1115/Wednesday pm/Thursday/Friday

We will notify you of any changes as they occur.

Our gym days will be on **Monday, Thursday and Friday**. Thursday will be an outdoor session. Please ensure your children come to school with a suitable gym kit for all weathers. School policy -On PE days pupils should wear black jogging trousers/white polo shirt and their school jumper or cardigan (red), no brands or football colours. We would also appreciate if anyone with earrings brings tape to cover them (e.g. Micropore) during P.E. for safety.

Please remember if you have any questions, or feel you need to discuss anything, provide any information or have concerns about your child, you can contact the school via email:

enquiries-at-balmalloch@northlan.org.uk or you can telephone the school.









You can see class highlights on Twitter. @balmalloch @P3McGill

Kind regards,

Ms J Steel and Ms E McGill.

Class teachers.

What I am learning this term:

<p align="center">Health and Wellbeing</p>  <p align="center">PE and Sport:</p> <p>Gymnastics HWB themes: Food and health Physical education, Physical activity and Sport, Healthy Lifestyles Wellbeing indicators: active, achieving, responsible Values- perseverance, achieve your goals, responsibility</p>	<p align="center">Expressive Arts</p>  <p>Art & Design: Space models and crafts Planets painting and crafts Music: Class assembly Scottish songs Classical /Orchestra Drama: Mostly linked to class assembly Also drama linked to space topic.</p>
<p align="center"><u>Mathematics and Numeracy</u></p>  <p>Numbers: Consolidate and build on Addition and Subtraction -Multiplication (Starting with times tables) -Division -Fractions</p> <p>Beyond Number: Time</p>	<p align="center"><u>Literacy and Languages</u></p>  <p>Listening and Talking: Linked to health and topic work. Reading: Banded books. Writing genres: Information Reports/Explanation texts/ Narrative Modern Languages: French-Numbers and colours (les nombres et les couleurs) continued. Days of the Week, Months of the Year (les jours de la semaine et les mois de l'année)</p>
<p align="center"><u>Sciences</u></p>  <p>STEM activities Topic- Space</p>	<p align="center"><u>Religious and Moral Education</u></p>  <p>World Religion: Christianity: Welcoming a Baby Exploring the significance of Baptism in the Christian religion</p>
<p align="center"><u>Technologies</u></p>  <p>ICT: With support, continue to experiment with digital technologies. -Collect and capture images and information. -Create and save documents. Become familiar with PowerPoint. -Communicate and collaborate with others.</p>	<p align="center"><u>Social Studies</u></p>  <p>It is a science-based topic this term (see above.) Social studies will be linked to our school values.</p>

Home Learning Tasks Grid P3 Term 3

Every child must do reading homework every night for 15-20 minutes. Keep a record of the stories or texts you manage to read each week in the Reading Record at the back of the homework jotter.

Include:

- Reading on your own
- Reading with a partner (e.g.) brother, sister, friend
- Being read to by an adult

Below are additional activities that with your parents you can discuss and complete if you choose do so.

<p>Practise French by watching short BBC Bitesize clips. Watch KS1 French clips.</p> <p>See the French resources tab on files.</p>	<p>Time yourself or get someone to help you. Become more aware of time. What can you do in one minute? Can you write a sentence? Can you write all your spelling words? How far can you run non-stop? How many exercises can you do? How long is it until bedtime?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write about a book that you have read and say what you enjoyed about it. 2. Write about important friendships. 3. Write about some news you want to share. 4. Make a card for someone special/Make to do lists.
<p>Sharpen your mental maths skills by playing Sumdog regularly. Your teachers also set some challenges.</p> <p>Go on to mental maths games on Topmarks also. Hit the Button is good for times tables practice.</p>	<p>Create a balance sequence of your own linked to what you learn in gymnastics. You could set this to music you like.</p> <p>Create a series of steps to create your own dance to a favourite song. Partner up with a brother, sister or friend to help you if you wish.</p>	<p>Look for clocks, watches and times on devices. Can you tell o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to times in analogue and digital times? Collect coins in a tub. Learn to recognise them and sort into different types. Can you add different coins together? Look at prices in shops.</p>
<p>Practise adding and subtracting mentally and with chimney sums. Try to carry over when adding some chimney sums and exchange with subtraction. Some examples will be on Teams. Look at the link between multiplication and division. Example: $4 \times 4 = 16$ 16 divided by $4 = 4$. Take 16 objects/coins and split into 4 equal groups. Find $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16.</p>	<p>If you have a laptop or digital device practise using the keyboard to find where the letters are. This website will help you become more familiar with keys: https://www.typingclub.com/</p>	<p>Help around the house. Learn some new skills and think how you can help others. Some ideas: washing dishes, organising toys in your room, making a sandwich, brushing a floor, emptying a washing machine or dishwasher, hoovering a room, care for a pet, tidy mess, make toast.</p>
<p>Practise weekly phonics and spelling in your group tab in files on Teams. There is also a Spelling Resources tab in files to help you practise words using different strategies.</p> <p>Practise your spelling words and phoneme words in a different order every day. Revisit previous words!</p>	<p>Practise tables and note the links. 2x times and 4x tables. (4 is double the 2 times table.) 5x and 10 x tables (10 is double the 5 times table.) 3x times and 6x times table (6 is double the 3 times table.) We will post strategies on teams for the 9 times table when we start it,</p>	<p>Create your own space age designs different from those you create in class.</p> <p>Try to find a few facts about a planet of your choice or a space mission. As you become more familiar with PowerPoint, create a few slides about this.</p>

Websites that provide further ideas for learning: All areas including topics and phonics: Discovery Education Espresso <https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/resources/primary/espresso/> Username: student13853 Password: balma110ch (digits in middle) **Maths: Topmarks** - Type in addition and subtraction games. There is a range of maths games at different levels.

Sumdog -download the app

P3b Epic Class code- nkw8410 <https://www.getepic.com/sign-in> This is now only available 7am-3pm weekdays. It is a suitable website to use if your child is absent from school for any reason. We have access to this in class when we have iPads, so there is need to subscribe to this website if prompted to do so.