

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



Term 2 Class Newsletter 2023-24

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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Primary 3 newsletter - Term 2

Welcome back to our second term. I hope you have had a lovely October. The children are now familiar with class routines and we will continue to set expectations this term and build on existing skills. You will see below the areas being covered this term and the homework set for the term. Please remember the homework grid is only optional, but we do expect that children engage in regular reading.

- If your child has not received their Sumdog and Education City password, please ensure both homework jotters are returned to school to allow this information to be added.
- **Our gym days will be on Tuesday and Friday. Friday will be an outdoor session.** Please ensure your child comes 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.n-lanark.sch.uk or telephone the school.





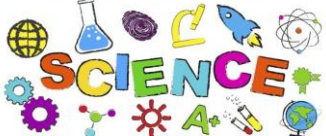



You can see class highlights on Twitter @balmalloch.

We look forward to an exciting term of learning!

Kind regards,

Mrs Da Maia

What I am learning this term:

<p align="center">Health and Wellbeing</p>  <p>PE and Sport: Fitness and circuit training, Moving and Thinking skills</p> <p>HWB themes: Food and health Physical education, Physical activity and Sport, Healthy Lifestyles</p> <p>Wellbeing indicators: Healthy, Achieving and Nurtured</p> <p>Values - Honesty, Respect and Family.</p>	<p align="center">Expressive Arts</p>  <p>Art & Design: Artist-Kandinsky</p> <p>Halloween/Fireworks/Christmas themed art</p> <p>Dance - Scottish Country Dancing</p>
<p align="center"><u>Mathematics and Numeracy</u></p>  <p>Numbers: Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication</p> <p>Beyond Number: Time</p> <p align="center">Data and Analysis</p>	<p align="center"><u>Literacy and Languages</u></p>  <p>Listening and Talking: Linked to health and topic work.</p> <p>Reading: Banded books Skinny Novels (these stay in class)</p> <p>Writing: Narrative, Instructions/Procedures</p> <p>Modern Languages: French - Numbers, Greetings, Classroom instructions</p>
<p align="center"><u>Sciences</u></p>  <p>STEM activities Topic - Forces, Electricity and Waves</p>	<p align="center"><u>Religious and Moral Education</u></p>  <p>World Religion: Christianity Christmas - A Special Message Exploring the significance of Christmas 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 sound and images, collect information and create content.</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>

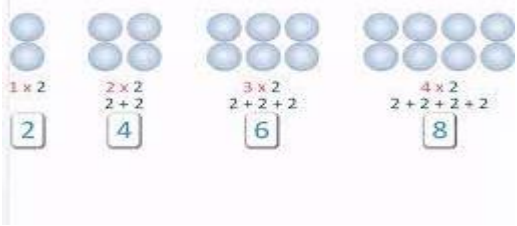
Home Learning Tasks Grid P3 Term 2

Every child should try to do reading homework every night for 15-20 minutes.

Include:

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

Below are additional homework activities. Some of these activities can be completed in homework jotters. Please return jotters on a Thursday or Friday.

<p>Consolidate numbers to 20 and greetings in French.</p> <p>Practise basic classroom instructions in French and play the French version of Simon Says with someone at home. ("Jacques a dit...")</p>	<p>Make your own circuit routine from activities introduced during PE lessons in school.</p> <p>Activities include Elbow Planks, Burpees, Shuttle Runs, Squats, Star Jumps, Side Lunges, High Knees and Mountain Climbers.</p>	<p>Consolidate o'clock and half past times on analogue and digital clocks.</p> <p>Access BBC Bitesize and search for Quarter past and Quarter to. Watch the clip, explore the examples and try the quiz!</p>
<p>Practise this poem at home.</p> <p><i>Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone, And that has twenty-eight days clear And twenty-nine in each leap year.</i></p>	<p>Log on to Top Marks and explore the following Time learning resources - Teaching Clock and Telling the Time.</p>	<p>Play board games with your family. Try to wait patiently for your turn and learn to keep scores. Try to make a board game of your own with your family.</p>
<p>Practise adding and subtracting mentally. Notice the link between adding and subtraction.</p> <p>Example: $14 + 6 = 20$ $20 - 14 = 6$ $6 + 14 = 20$ $20 - 6 = 14$</p>	<p>If you have a laptop or digital device, practise using the keyboard to find where the letters are.</p> <p>Challenge - try a lesson on this website: https://www.typingclub.com/</p>	<p>Create your own tally marks or bar graph for different things you see at home. Examples - how many cars you see driving past, how many food tins or packets you have or different types of toys or figures. You could also present information of favourite fruits, sweets etc.</p>
<p>Practise weekly phonics and spelling. Practise your spelling words and phoneme words in a different order every day.</p> <p>Try some of these activities with your spelling words:</p> <p>Rainbow Spelling</p> <p>Pyramid Spelling</p> <p>Upper Case/ Lower Case Spelling</p>	<p>Practise your 2x times and 4x tables. Note that 4x is double the 2x table.</p> <p>Learn and practise the 3x table.</p> <p>In your jotter create arrays for 2x, 5x, and 10x tables.</p> 	<p>Create your own Kandinsky style abstract art based on what you learn in class.</p>

Sumdog - Continue to use Sumdog on a regular basis. The app is intended to adapt to each individual, using engaging game-based learning to motivate and build confidence.

Education City - Continue to use Education City on a regular basis. The website promotes personalised learning for every child in the core subjects of English, Maths and Science.