

## Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



### Term 3 Class Newsletter 2023-24

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**BELIEVE IN YOURSELF**  
huMility and forgiveness  
perseverAnce  
Love  
**ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS**  
hOnesty and generosity  
Compassion and respeCt  
friendsHip & family

### **A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Primary 3 Newsletter - Term 3**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great time over the holidays. The children have settled back into our routines and are working hard! We have a busy term ahead of us! You will see below the areas being covered in Term 3 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. If homework jotters have been misplaced, please ask your child to let me know and I will issue new jotters.
- **Our gym days will be on Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday will be an outdoor session - weather dependent.** 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 regarding your child, you can contact the school via email:




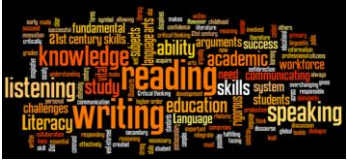
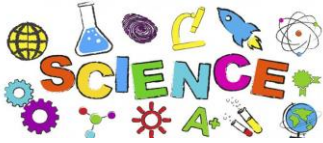



**enquiries-at-balmalloch.n-lanark.sch.uk** or telephone the school.

We look forward to a busy term of learning!

Kind regards,

Mrs Da Maia

What I am learning this term:

<p align="center"><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p>  <p align="center"><b>PE and Sport:</b> <b>Gymnastics</b></p> <p><b>HWB themes:</b> Food and Health Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport, Healthy Lifestyles</p> <p><b>Wellbeing indicators:</b> Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected</p> <p><b>Values</b> - Perseverance, Your Goals, Responsibility</p>	<p align="center"><b>Expressive Arts</b></p>  <p><b>Art &amp; Design:</b> Art activities linked to Science topic. <b>Dance:</b> Scottish country dance <b>Drama:</b> Class assembly <b>Music:</b> Scottish songs Songs for class assembly</p>
<p align="center"><b>Mathematics and Numeracy</b></p>  <p><b>Numbers:</b> Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division</p> <p><b>Beyond Number:</b> Measure Money</p>	<p align="center"><b>Literacy and Languages</b></p>  <p><b>Listening and Talking:</b> Linked to health and topic work.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Banded books Skinny Novels (these stay in class)</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> Narrative, Information Report <b>Modern Languages:</b> French - Weather</p>
<p align="center"><b>Sciences</b></p>  <p><b>STEM activities</b> <b>Topic</b> - Planet Earth and the Solar System</p>	<p align="center"><b>Religious and Moral Education</b></p>  <p><b>World Religion:</b> World Study - Lantern Festival (Asia) <b>Christianity</b> - Welcoming a baby</p>
<p align="center"><b>Technologies</b></p>  <p><b>ICT</b> With support, continue to experiment with digital technologies - collect and capture sound and images, collect information and create content. Research activities and note-taking.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Social Studies</b></p>  <p><b>Scotland</b> - Culture and Language Scottish poems, songs and dancing.</p>

## Home Learning Tasks Grid P3 Term 3

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 <b>French</b>.</p> <p>Practise basic weather terms, such as <b>Quel temps fait-il?</b> (What's the weather like?)</p> <p>It is cloudy. (Il y a des nuages.)          It is raining. (Il pleut.)          It is stormy. (Il y a de l'orage.)          It is snowing. (Il neige.)          It is windy. (Il y a du vent.)          It is sunny. (Il y a du soleil.)          It is hot. (Il fait chaud.)          It is cold (Il fait froid.)</p>	<p>Teach your family a Scottish dance that you have learned in school e.g. The Military Two Step.</p>	<p>Measure the size of things in your bedroom, e.g how long is your bed? What height is your door?</p> <p>Think about what you will use to measure these things.</p> <p>Remember to record the unit of measure when recording results.</p>
<p>Practise and learn your Scottish poem at home.</p>	<p>Log on to Top Marks and explore the following <b>Money</b> learning resources - Toy Shop Money Game and Coins Game.</p>	<p>Research one of the planets in the solar system and record facts about your chosen planet. Record your facts in the form of your choice e.g. poster, fact file, information report.</p>
<p>Practise adding and subtracting mentally. Notice the link between adding and subtraction.</p> <p>Example: <math>13 + 7 = 20</math>    <math>20 - 13 = 7</math>  <math>7 + 13 = 20</math>    <math>20 - 7 = 13</math></p> <p>Can you write some fact families like this?</p>	<p>If you have a laptop or digital device, practise typing out your spelling words.</p> <p>Challenge - Can you change the colour/font of your spelling words?</p>	<p>Create your own shop or café at home and practise counting out the correct coins and/or giving change.</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>Continue to practise your 2x, 5x and 10x times tables.</p> <p>Learn and practise the 3x and 4x tables.</p> <p>This will allow you to become more confident and quicker at recalling multiplication facts.</p>	<p>Create a model of planet Earth using materials of your choice.</p> <p>You may want to choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play dough/ Plasticine</li> <li>• Clay</li> <li>• Paper Mache</li> <li>• Cardboard</li> <li>• A polystyrene ball</li> </ul>

**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.