

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



Term 3 Class Newsletter 2023-24

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BELIEVE IN YOURSELF
huMility and forgiveness
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Love
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hOnesty and generosity
Compassion and respeCt
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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Primary 3 newsletter - Term 3.

Welcome back to our third term. I hope you have had a lovely festive holiday. Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. I would also like to express my gratitude and thanks for the kind and generous Christmas presents I received, they were all very much appreciated.

The children are now familiar with class routines and we will continue to set high 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.

- Your child should have their Sumdog and Education City password, however if these have been lost please let me know and these can be re issued.
- **Our gym days this term will be on Wednesday 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. **Pupils who wear earrings will be required to either brings tape to cover them (e.g. Micropore) or remove them along with any other jewellery during P.E., this is for health and 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.

We look forward to an exciting and busy term of learning!

Kind regards,

Mrs Patrick

What I am learning this term:

Health and Wellbeing



PE and Sport:

Gymnastics.

HWB themes: Healthy Lifestyle

Wellbeing indicators: Achieving, Active, Respected

Values - Perseverance, Your Goal, Responsibility.

Expressive Arts



Art & Design: Linked to topic.

Drama - Class assembly.

Music - Scottish songs, and music for class assembly.

Dance - Scottish Country Dancing.

Mathematics and Numeracy



Numbers: Addition, Subtraction and Multiplication
Division.

Beyond Number: Measure and Money

Literacy and Languages



Listening and Talking: Linked to health and topic work.

Reading: Banded books

Skinny Novels (these stay in class)

Writing: Narrative, Information Report

Modern Languages: French - Weather

Sciences



STEM activities

Topic - Planet Earth and the Solar System

Religious and Moral Education



World Religion: Chinese New Year

Latern festival - Asia

Christianity welcoming a baby.

Technologies



ICT:

With support, continue to experiment with digital technologies. Use for research and creating.

Social Studies



Scotland - Culture and Language.

Learning our class Scottish poem. Exploring Scottish dialect. Learning about traditional Highland games.

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 Friday or Monday.

<p>Consolidating numbers to 20 and greetings in French.</p> <p>Practise basic weather terms, such as Quel temps fait-il? (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 the door etc. What will you use to measure? Remember to record the unit of measure if you record this in your jotter.</p>
<p>Practise and learn your Scottish poem at home. The Sair Finger. Perform it for your family.</p>	<p>Log on to Top Marks Maths and explore the following: Toy shop money game. Coins Game.</p>	<p>Continue to practice the times tables learned in class to become more confident and develop quicker recall of facts.</p>
<p>Practise adding and subtracting mentally. Notice the link between adding and subtraction. Example: $14 + 6 = 20$ $20 - 14 = 6$ $6 + 14 = 20$ $20 - 6 = 14$ Can you write fact families like this?</p>	<p>If you have a laptop or digital device, practise using the keyboard to find where the letters are. Challenge - try a lesson on this website: https://www.typingclub.com/ You could try typing out your spelling words.</p>	<p>Create your own pretend café or shop at home and practice adding money and 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, Pyramid Spelling Upper Case/ Lower Case Spelling, etc</p>	<p>Research one of the planets in the solar system and record the facts you find in a style of your choice. E.g. a poster, a fact file, an information report.</p>	<p>Create a model of Planet Earth using any materials of your choice.</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.