

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



P1a Class Newsletter

Term 2

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BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

huMility and forgiveness

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Love

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

hOnesty and generosity

Compassion and respeCt

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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a relaxing October break. We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of learning taking place and fun activities for your children.

Literacy

The children will continue to follow the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy programme. We have now learned our first block of sounds and are encouraging the children to use these to build, read and write simple words and help to spell their common words. Please encourage your child to learn to spell our common words which are in our homework jotters weekly.

Reading books will continue to be issued twice weekly on a Monday and a Wednesday. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of ensuring that your child comes to school with their book daily, as it is required for reading and to work on literacy tasks. If your child is absent or forgets their book, please try to return the reading book to school promptly. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Talking & Listening

This term we will be learning and performing the Nativity. The performance will be on Wednesday 4th December. More details about this will be sent home shortly. We will also be continuing to encourage your child to take turns when they talk and listen.

French

The children have had a great start to learning French and we are delighted with their enthusiasm. We have been working on simple greetings and colours.

Numeracy:

Number and Number Processes:

This term we will be learning to count, order and sequence numbers to 20. We will be learning different ways of representing numbers using play resources.

Pattern & Relationships

This term we will be looking at patterns and relationships. We will be learning to create our own patterns and to continue existing patterns.

Shape, Position & Movement

We will begin to explore 2D shape and 3D objects and will be able to identify and describe these.

Pupils will continue to develop mental maths strategies, problem solving skills and revisit previous learning.

Social Studies

This term we will be continuing with 'Percy the Park Keeper' and his many adventures with his animal friends. We will be learning about the environment, the animals that live there and how we can help to look after the world. This will link into learning about the current seasons.

RME

This term, the children will be learning about Diwali and The Nativity Story.

Health and Wellbeing

We will continue to learn about children's rights and particularly respecting the rights of others, as part of our Rights-respecting school ethos. We will be focussing on the value of Respect and learning about Food and Health.

Our P.E. days will remain the same as Term 1. Our main topic will be games and Scottish Dance. Please ensure that your child comes to school on those days in appropriate clothes including shoes and refrains from wearing jewellery on these days, for health and safety reasons. If your child is wearing earrings that cannot be removed, please try to place tape over their ears, **prior** to attending school.

School Values

In Primary 1, our main focus is on the value of Love. Each month we will also be learning about a new value alongside our own class one. This term the values that we will look are Respect and Family.

Homework

Our homework grids are sent out on the first Monday of every month. Reading is our main focus for homework, however we would advise and encourage you to continue to work with your child to complete a few spelling, phonics and number tasks too. Please check literacy jotters for sounds being taught.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and more importantly, for helping to encourage your child to work hard and enjoy learning.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Da Maia