

Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class



P1a Class Newsletter

Term 4

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huMility and forgiveness

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A PLACE OF ENTHUSIASTIC LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter 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. Children will be given regular spelling tests to monitor their progress. Please encourage your child to learn to spell these words which will continue to be sent home in our homework folders for the month.

This term children will be introduced to new phonemes (digraphs) as well as learning and revising all initial sounds. There will continue to be regular consolidation weeks; to ensure pupils are reminded of previously taught sounds and spelling words.

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.

Writing

There will be one taught writing lesson per week. Our focus will be on sentence building. We will explore 5 key questions – who, what, where, when and how? This will help us as we develop our independent writing. Children will also have opportunities to write daily for a variety of purposes and for a variety of reasons. Our grammar focus will be capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and use of connectives.

Talking & Listening

This term our focus will be asking and answering questions. We will also continue to encourage listening skills such as turn taking and eye contact.

Numeracy

Number and Number Processes

This term we will continue to work on subtraction. We will also be learning to share out a group of items by making smaller groups.

Fractions

This term we will learn what a fraction is and how to split simple objects into halves and quarters.

Money

We will be learning to calculate change from 10p. We will use our knowledge of subtraction to do this.

Beyond Number

Measure

Children will have opportunities to explore units of measure.

Shape, Position and Movement

We will learn about symmetry in shapes, pictures and patterns.

We will explore simple directions and positional language.

Data analysis

We will further explore data analysis (information handling.) Children will be encouraged to ask simple questions to collect data and use pictographs and block graphs to display their findings.

Social Studies:

This term our topic is Toys. We will look at toys in the past, how toys have changed over time and how toys are developed now.

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 learning how to keep ourselves healthy and what that looks like day-to-day. We will also learn about emotions, body language and recognising someone's feelings through their body language.

Our P.E. days will be **Tuesday and Wednesday (outdoor – weather permitting)**. Our main topic will be Athletics. 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.

RME

This term we will be learning about different spiritual beliefs and mindfulness. We will learn different ways to relax. We will also be developing our understanding of what is fair and unfair and the importance of sharing and cooperating with others.

Homework

Homework grids will be emailed on the first Monday of the month. We will also send folders home on a Monday. A list of sounds and letters being taught will be issued in folders each month. Reading is our main focus for homework.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Da Maia