



# Heathfield Primary and Early Years Centre

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Term 3 2024 Primary 2



#### Literacy and English

This term for phonics, we will learn to read and spell words with the magic 'e' sounds, y, ie, oe ow, ey and u and ue. We will continue to look at tricky code words for spelling. Our reading focus will be responding to different types of questions and developing comprehension skills. Our listening and talking focus will be Scots' poetry. For writing, we will focus on writing Haiku's inspired by Scotland. Our T4W will include writing a weather report for non-fiction writing.

#### Health and Wellbeing

During circle time we will explore different emotions and how we react to different situations. In PE we will be developing our dancing skills through Chinese New Year, focusing on freestyle and basic moves. We will also have a taster of golf this term. We will continue to develop our gross motor and balancing skills using the trim trail.

#### Contexts for Learning

This term we will be focusing on Scottish poetry and exploring Chinese New Year. Our context for learning is weather. We will measure weather in a variety of ways and record our findings. We will watch weather reports and work in groups to deliver a weather forecast presentation.

#### Numeracy and Mathematics

We will begin by reading calendars and sequencing seasons and months of the year, linking to familiar events throughout the year. We will continue to learn strategies for addition and subtraction, using concrete materials. We will focus on the link between addition and subtraction to develop our understanding of this concept. We will introduce simple equations by using symbols to compare numbers and missing number calculations. We will also be learning to measure using metres and centimetres and to understand positional language.

#### Websites to support Home Learning

- Topmarks
- Sumdog

#### Reminders

Please remember to label all items of clothing. Reading books will be given out on a Monday and must be returned on a Friday.  
PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday; please ensure all PE kits are left in school.

#### Dates for your diary

8<sup>th</sup>- School Re-opens  
9<sup>th</sup> P7 school show auditions  
25<sup>th</sup> Scottish Poetry Event  
25<sup>th</sup> P6 Burns Supper  
26<sup>th</sup> HMD Fragility

#### February




6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> P1 and 7 Dental Checks  
9<sup>th</sup> P7 Leavers Hoodies  
10<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year  
12<sup>th</sup> HOLIDAY  
13<sup>th</sup> INSERVICE

#### March

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
13<sup>th</sup> Discos  
20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Parents Evenings  
28<sup>th</sup> Close for Easter 2.30

*Dates will be updated monthly on the school newsletter - please note that these dates may be subject to change.*

# Home Learning Grid

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guidance for Parents</b></p> <p>We respect the unique set of circumstances and values each family has and home learning is parental choice and will not be 'marked' by teachers. Please do as many or as few tasks listed below.</p> <p>If your child requires additional support with any learning tasks the class teacher will discuss this with you individually.</p> <p>Home learning should never be stressful for a family. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reading</b></p> <p>We do strongly encourage that families develop regular reading routines. We recommend 10 – 15 minutes each day. Make it comfortable and enjoyable to develop a love of reading for enjoyment. Books can be read to and with children and audio books are a great way to develop vocabulary and story structure.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>We also encourage wellness. We want children to be safe, healthy, achieving, nurtured, active, respected, responsible and included. We love to hear about any out of school clubs and achievements.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Listening and Talking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practice your Scots Poem.</li> <li>Make a New Year's resolution and share this with someone at home.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spelling/Handwriting/Grammar</b></p> <p>Topmarks You access Topmarks online. This doesn't require login details. There are literacy and maths activities to choose from.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Writing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finger space.</li> <li>Write on the line.</li> <li>Capital letters and full stops.</li> </ul> <p>Create your own short sentences including the above.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>Help record special dates and events in a calendar at home.</p> <p>Find your birthday in the calendar, what day does it land on this year?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Create a kindness poster including the school values.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Context/Skills based</b></p> <p>Do you have a calendar in your house? Can you get familiar with the months of the year and special events that happen in your family?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other discrete subject learning</b></p> <p>Keep a report on the weather. Do your clothes change depending on what it's like outside?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Helping at Home</b></p> <p>Tidy your room!</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Being kind</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give someone a compliment.</li> <li>Encourage others to use manners and respond to kindness with respect.</li> </ul>