

Primary 3 Newsletter

Hello Primary 3! Welcome back to school. We hope you had a lovely October break! Please read on for our plans for the term ahead!

P.E SESSIONS

Monday and Thursday

Please bring in shorts and appropriate footwear to change into. No jewellery should be worn for PE. Earrings should be **removed or tape provided** to cover them. Long hair should also be tied back.

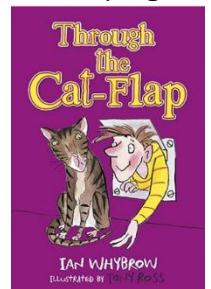
PE sessions will initially focus on gymnastics and will be followed by social dance.

Literacy

This term our writing focus will initially be on writing a recount. We will use our visit to Westpark Dairy Farm as a stimulus with emphasis on writing in the past tense. Following on from this, we will return to fictional writing and work on creating a conquering the monster tale. We will be using an extract from Dahl's *The Magic Finger*. We will work on developing character descriptions and continue with regular sessions on punctuating texts.

Our class novel this term is 'Through the Catflap' by Ian Whybrow and our focus will be on character, setting and effective word choice.

Pupils may also be given additional books to help develop skills in decoding and reading aloud.



In addition to our small class library where the children have access to a variety of texts, they will also continue to visit the school library to borrow books of their choice.

For pleasure, we will complete our final Wigglesbottom books (which we have very much enjoyed.) Book Week Scotland is from the 15th- 21st November. School events are in the process of being organised for this. We hope to do a few special activities for this in our class too. In the lead up to advent we will be enjoying some festive literacy treats as well as sharing some poetry too.

Numeracy

We have started our work on addition and subtraction using pictures, jottings and models to record our calculations. Activities are again of a practical nature where we will be using number lines and concrete materials to show our understanding.

We will then move on to look at learning to interpret a calendar and identify key dates and events.

French

This term in French, we will be learning how to talk about pets. The children will be introduced to the names of different animals and will begin to understand how to use masculine and feminine nouns when describing them. They'll have fun practising new vocabulary through games, songs, and simple conversations.

Health and Wellbeing

For HWB this term we will be exploring ways to improve and manage our learning. This will look at thinking about our learning goals and the steps that need to be taken to reach them. We will also think about how we can assess and evaluate our learning.

Computer Science

We will begin this term with a block of work on coding. We use a resource called Discovery Coding. Once we are up and running with children familiar with their username and password, pupils will be able to access this at home and share with you what they are working on.

Science

This term we will be exploring two fascinating topics - *Magnets* and *The Human Body*. We will investigate how magnets work, learning about magnetic forces and how they can attract or repel different materials through hands-on experiments. We'll also be studying the human body, focusing on the lungs and heart to understand how they help us stay alive and healthy. In addition, the children will be investigating germs - discovering how they spread and learning practical ways to prevent this through good hygiene habits.

Lots planned, before the mad rush of December! 😊

Mrs Davies and Mrs Messner