

Parent Information Sheet - Term 2



Primary 4

Literacy and English	<p>We will continue to work towards more extended pieces of writing, using correct punctuation more consistently, and building up the range of words which pupils can spell independently.</p> <p>We will be doing more "Drawing Club," which involves drawing, writing and vocabulary activities based on a text, which might be a picture book, short story or a clip of film.</p> <p>All the bairns will be involved with the Christmas show, learning lyrics and having a go at saying lines, loudly and clearly.</p>
Maths and Numeracy	<p>We will consolidate knowledge of the 2x, 3x, 4x, 5x and 10x tables, before beginning to learn the 8x and 6x.</p> <p>We will continue to build fluency and confidence in the basic number bonds, to 10 and to 20, in order to apply these in bigger calculations, as well as developing mental strategies such as "round and adjust."</p>
Health and Wellbeing	<p>PE: Pupils will be taking part in 2 different activities. The first activity pupils will be taking part in is swimming and building water confidence by learning to float, place their faces in the water, breathe, kicking their legs, practicing pushing and gliding. The second activity pupils will be playing a variety of fun games that gives them personalized choice to create a fun, engaging learning environment.</p>
Play Sessions	<p><i>Research provides considerable evidence that play can develop the cognitive abilities needed for formal learning: play aids development of problem solving capabilities, creativity, representational skills and memory. Another important consideration is the emotional literacy and control needed to learn in school. Playing aids the development of concentration and attention. Playing in outdoor environments with natural features has been shown to be particularly helpful to this.</i></p> <p>Play Scotland; Bringing More Play into the School Day; 2017</p>
Topic	<p>Developing practical skills, and using these to contribute to making items to sell at the shopping night.</p> <p>Learning about geology, identifying some rocks and minerals, and how they were formed.</p> <p>Christmas! This year the Primary Department are working together to put on a performance called 'Holy Joe'.</p>
Modern Languages	<p>French:</p> <p>Revise numbers to 20 (and beyond)</p> <p>Colours.</p> <p>Following simple instructions (stand up, sit down, open and close door, indicate parts of the body)</p> <p>Consolidating days, months, weather, greetings, and "I have..."</p>
Expressive Arts	<p>Art: We will be experimenting with a range of materials and techniques including a variety of printmaking. There will be links to the visual elements throughout.</p> <p>Music: Pupils will learn and practice songs for the Christmas show. They will work towards using their singing voices with accurate pitch, good expression and following performance instructions.</p>
Other	<p>Important dates:</p> <p>Wednesday 13th November – Batten Down the Hatches Day</p> <p>Friday 15th November – Children in Need</p> <p>Tuesday 10th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Thursday 12th December – Christmas Show</p> <p>Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner</p> <p>Thursday 19th December – School Dance</p> <p>Friday 20th December – Christmas Holidays!</p> <p>Monday 6th January – In-Service</p> <p>Tuesday 7th January – Start of Term 3</p>
Parental Engagement	<p>You can support your child's learning by:</p> <p>Practising number bonds and/or times tables; this can be a good thing to quiz them on during eg long car journeys. Hit the Button is also excellent for practising the basics.</p> <p>When your child is doing their reading, try to follow the text and listen to them, so that you can help with pronouncing tricky words, and discuss any they do not know the meaning of.</p>