

Parent Information Sheet - Term 1



Upper Primary

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| Literacy and English | <p>Listening and Talking Pupils will take part in discussions, learning to share their opinions and justify their ideas. They will practise taking detailed notes and explaining their notes to others, as well as using appropriate vocabulary for different audiences.</p> <p>Reading Children will develop their research skills by gathering information from a range of sources including books, the internet, and encyclopaedias. They will also read independently for sustained periods of time, explore different genres, and reflect on their reading preferences by identifying authors and texts they particularly enjoy. A key focus will be fostering a love of reading through a wide choice of materials such as novels, comics, poems, and magazines.</p> <p>Writing We will focus on the "tools for writing," including building vocabulary, using connectives and openers, and developing punctuation skills. Spelling, handwriting and grammar will continue to be taught regularly.</p> |
| Maths and Numeracy | <p>Number This term we will be focusing on number work, shape and estimation. Pupils will be learning to read, write and order large numbers up to 1,000,000 and work confidently with decimals. They will also develop their skills in rounding numbers and using this to estimate and check answers.</p> <p>Shape In shape and measure, pupils will learn about 2D shapes and their properties, the parts of a circle (radius, diameter and circumference), and will practise drawing and constructing 2D and 3D shapes using rulers and nets.</p> |
| Health and Wellbeing | <p>PE Pupils will complete a football unit where pupils will develop their fitness, coordination and sport specific skills including dribbling, passing, shooting and tackling. Follow this unit we will complete a hockey unit where pupils will develop their knowledge of the rules of the sport and skills need to successfully engage in a competitive game.</p> <p>Creating a Charter We will be working together as a Primary Department, to establish our charter for the new academic year. Developing a charter will help us to consider our rights and responsibilities towards others. Charters make rights real and provide a framework for a positive environment where rights are respected, protected and promoted.</p> <p>Developing Positive Classroom Ethos At the start of the year, we will place a strong emphasis on building positive relationships and developing a supportive classroom ethos. Pupils will be encouraged to work well as a team, and contribute to creating a safe and welcoming learning environment that lasts throughout the year.</p> <p>Article 29 Time: All pupils will have the opportunity this term to be involved in one of our committees – Eco-Schools, Pupil Council, Rights Respecting Schools, School Grounds or JRSOs. This is an important opportunity to contribute towards the life of the school and make improvements.</p> |
| Topic | Our topic this term has two main focuses. First, we will explore the Scottish landscape, looking at how key features were formed. Second, we will learn about natural disasters, investigating their causes and considering their impact on both people and the landscape. |
| Modern Languages | <p>French: In French, pupils will practise understanding and following classroom instructions, as well as asking and answering questions about themselves. They will build confidence in speaking about themselves, and use polite social phrases when starting and finishing conversations.</p> |
| Expressive Arts | <p>Art: pupils will be practicing drawing techniques and working in mixed media to create seascape collages and still life paintings.</p> <p>Music: Pupils will listen to "Earth" by composer Hans Zimmer and create music inspired by the piece. They will also keep working to improve pitch and expression when singing.</p> |
| Other | <p>Important dates: Saturday 6th September – Yell Show Wednesday 8th October – Coffee Afternoon Friday 10th October – October Holidays Monday 27th October – In-Service Tuesday 28th October – In-Service Wednesday 29th October – Term 2 begins</p> |

Parental Engagement

You can support your child's learning by:

- Encouraging reading at home and sharing what you have read/your childhood favourite books
- Encouraging discussions about their learning
- Supporting numeracy, spelling and reading homework where possible.