

# Room 4 - Term 1

## Newsletter

### Literacy

This term we will be focusing on what makes a good sentence including the appropriate use of capital letters and full stops, ensuring finger spaces between words and applying our spelling rules. This will develop into a focus on VCOP where we will learn to make use of better vocabulary (wow words), connectives to extend sentences, openers which are more exciting and different punctuation.

We will revise our phonemes (letters/sounds) and common words from P2 before moving on to look at Stage 3 Active Literacy. Each day we will recall our sounds use a variety of strategies to practice accurate spelling of both phoneme and common words.

We will continue to develop our written grammar by looking at homophones – words which sound the same but are spelt differently and have different meanings such as some and sum.

During reading time we are going to read 'A Footballer Called Flip' by Ian Whybrow using the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy strategies to develop the children's comprehension, summarising and questioning skills. The children will also be reading their banded book alongside this.

### Numeracy

During maths time we will recap on our core numeracy skills including number formation, counting, adding and subtracting. We will do lots of oral activities to build our fluency within number to create a firm base on which to proceed.

This term the class will further develop their adding and subtracting skills in the written form. The children will further develop their number skills by learning to count on in 3s and 4s.

Alongside the work in the class the children will be required to practise their flashcards at home and during school time.

In Beyond Number, the children will be revising the names of each 2D shapes, enhancing their understanding of each shape's properties. They will be introduced to more complex 2D shapes such as pentagons, hexagons and octagons. The class will be given the opportunity to use shapes to create tiled patterns.

# Miss Maclean & Mrs Colquhoun

# Primary 3

## Health And Wellbeing

During this term the will learn about their emotional and mental wellbeing through the story 'Inside Out' and will have the opportunity to discuss their feelings and develop a toolkit with which to deal approach fear, anger and sadness. The children will complete a daily check in every morning to allow them to discuss any feelings or worries they may have.

Each week, we will have 2 gym slots (Monday PM and Friday AM) for PE which will be indoors, please ensure your child has appropriate shoes. We will have an additional 30-minute session outside on a Tuesday, weather permitting. We will work on continuing to develop hand-eye coordination skills through throwing and catching games and develop our cooperation skills through team games.

## Other Curricular Areas

**Social Studies** – This term our topic will be Africa. The children will learn about the features of different countries within Africa and compare these with Scotland.

**Sciences** – The class will learn about Planet Earth: classifying living things and the three states of matter.

**Expressive Arts** – In music the children will have the opportunity to sing songs from Africa and play instruments alongside these songs. In Art the children will use a range of media to develop their fine motor skills. In drama the children will have opportunities to develop their use of voice and movement.

**Technologies** – The children will be developing their computer skills and will be able to independently navigate their way around a computer.

**R.M.E** – The children will learn about Bible stories from Christianity, Judaism and Islam

## Important Information

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming year. If there is anything that you wish to communicate to us, please note it in your child's Ready Steady Learn which will be sent home weekly. Please take time to discuss with your son/daughter any comments made by the teacher in the RSL.

Please ensure that any clothing or personal items such as lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name and class to prevent them from getting lost. Homework will be given out at the start of the week and is due to be returned by Friday, or the last day of the school week. Please listen to your child reading their home reader and practising their flashcards.

Thank you for your continued support.

