

# Room 1 - Term 3 Newsletter

## Literacy

**Phonics** – The children will be learning digraph phonemes this term such as ‘ch’ and ‘sh’ as well as continuing to revise previously learned initial sounds. The children will be encouraged to use their phonetic skills to read and write CVC and CVCC words independently and then build up to writing dictated sentences that contain their taught phonemes and common words.

**Reading** – This term the children will be exploring fiction and non-fiction texts and comparing the two types. The children will be learning about creating questions using who, what, when, why and how. The children will continue to learn different reading strategies in class, through a variety of texts.

**Writing** – The children will continue to be encouraged to ‘have a go’ at writing their own news each week. At this stage, the learners should now be ‘having a go’ at writing at least one sentence that contains a capital, finger spacing and a full stop.

Our genre this term is imaginative. The learners will explore characters, setting and story structure and will build up to making their own books with a beginning, middle and end. Through our Talk for Writing Approach the children will be exploring the story ‘The Sheep and the Goat.’

## Numeracy

**This term** the class will be developing their Numeracy skills by looking at subtraction. We will begin with lots of practical activities of ‘taking away’ then go on to written calculations. Primary one will continue to develop a range of numeracy strategies to aid both written and mental calculations.

We will be further exploring and forming numbers to 30. Looking at the number before / after and in between. We will continue to ensure correct number formation during our written tasks and learn to order and count on and back from 30.

This term the class will be exploring measure – weight, length and capacity through fun engaging active opportunities in class. The children will also begin to learn to tell the time. We will explore the analogue clock – o’clock. We will learn about the days of the week, months of the year and how to organise ourselves for daily routines.

**Mrs McCafferty**

# Primary 1

## Health And Wellbeing

**In Physical Education** we will be participating in Gymnastics lessons using the SLC Making the Connections, where gymnastics is taught through actions. These include jumping, balancing, rolling, creating shapes, weight on hands, direction and speed.

P.E days are a Tuesday and a Wednesday. Please ensure you provide your child with the appropriate gym shoes (trainers or plimsoles) these are necessary for children to be able to participate on the apparatus due to health and safety.

## Other areas of the Curriculum

**Social Studies** – As part of the whole school focus on Scots language, the children will be learning about their Scottish history and playing with Scots words, music and patterns that they hear in traditional Scots stories and songs.

**ICT** – The class will continue to practise logging onto the computer and access Literacy and Numeracy games to enhance their skills. We will also be learning about algorithms by exploring following a sequence and creating our own.

**Music** – In class, we will be exploring a range of different musical instruments and using these to accompany our songs and rhymes through our Scots language topic.

**Science** – This term we will be celebrating STEM, by taking part in lots of fun and exciting experiments. We will be learning about the important role STEM has in the world of work. Furthermore we will be looking at electricity safety as well as sound and wave forces.

