August - October 2017

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this year. Here are some of the things we will be learning about in term 1.

**Literacy & English**

Reading:

* Develop understanding of the techniques

authors use when writing stories.

* Demonstrating understanding of unfamiliar texts through comprehension activities

Writing:

* Writing interesting character descriptions
* Personal writing – using appropriate language in a variety of personal texts e.g letters, diaries, recounts
* Using interesting vocabulary to improve the content of written work

Listening & Talking:

* To listen and respond to texts, offering personal opinions and linking to own experiences

Tools for writing:

* Spelling
* Punctuation – focus on revising how to use punctuation correctly in written work
* Handwriting

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**Numeracy & Maths**

* Strategies for addition and subtraction
* Reading, writing and ordering numbers
* Shapes and their properties
* Symmetry
* Position and movement

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

Through the theme of Wallace and Gromit’s Cracking Contraptions we will be:

* Investigating important inventions from history and their impact on pupil’s lives today
* Researching famous Scottish inventors
* Using technology to research and present information in different formats
* Planning, creating and evaluation models using different media
* Developing resilience and a growth mindset through learning not to give up when things do not work out as expected
* Using different media to create art work

**Health & Wellbeing**

* Recognising personal qualities and identifying challenges and developing resilience when faced with challenges
* Building classroom relationships
* Understanding how to use medicines safely and appropriately
* Understanding that some substances can be harmful

**Additional Information**

* Homework information and guidance will be issued after the ‘Journey of Learning’ evening next week.
* Pupils should change to indoor shoes when they enter school in the morning, please send a change of shoes with your child if you have not already done so (indoor gym shoes are fine).
* PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays, however PE kit should be in school each day. Indoor & outdoor kit is needed.
* Reading days are Mondays and Wednesdays.
* Mrs Gallagher will be in class Monday – Thursday, Mrs Johnston will teach the class on Fridays.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office, email or your child’s reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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