

# Primary 3 Learning Letter: Term Two

Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2, we are all looking forward to a busy and fun term. The highlights of last term included making our own stories books based around traditional tales and carrying out lots of experiments in Science to learn more about sound. We really enjoyed sharing our learning with all the parents and carers at our open day afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along!

Miss Kerr  
P3 Teacher



## English & Literacy

Through the context of our 'people and places in the past,' pupil's writing will focus on a variety of genres including, imaginative and functional. We will write our own newspaper reports based on a medieval plague and a personal account of our trip to Linlithgow Palace. We will aim to include more descriptive vocabulary and detail into our writing by up levelling sentences.

Handwriting will be taught once a week and we will continue to apply the spelling rules we have learnt to improve the standard of our writing.

Through the contexts of a class novel and group reading books we will focus on a variety of genres including fiction and other cultures. We will be exploring a variety of aspects in reading including the development of our questioning skills.

We will be collecting in reading and spelling homework on a Friday so please remember to complete your homework for then.

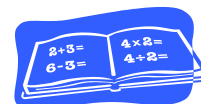


## Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on solving number problems initially to 10, 20 and then beyond and continue to look at the inverse relationships between additions and subtractions. We also need to improve our quick recall of number bonds to 20.

This term we will be learning all about 2D shape and 3D objects linked to our IDL topic this term, looking at buildings in the past. Pupils will learn the names of basic 2D shapes and 3D objects and start to identify their properties. We will also look at where we can find examples of 3D objects in everyday life.

Within mental maths, we will focus on the use of number talks to improve our mental agility-explaining different strategies we used to work out the problem (e.g. doubles, near doubles and number/dot patterns).



## Interdisciplinary Learning:

This term our context for learning is 'People and places in the past.' We will be learning about this context through the curricular areas of Literacy, Social Studies and Expressive Arts. The key questions we will explore are:

1. **What do we think we know and what do we want to find out?**
2. **Who might have lived here and why?**
3. **How were these buildings built and who for?**
4. **What was the plague and did it affect my family?**
5. **How did different families celebrate their survival from the plague?**

## Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers are Mr Ramsay who will teach RME on Tuesday, Mrs Redmond for French and Maths (Shape) on a Thursday and Mrs Mitchell for P.E on a Tuesday. Outdoor PE will be on a Monday. Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct clothing to take part in these activities.

## Our Trip to Linlithgow Palace

This term we will be visiting Linlithgow Palace on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are all very excited about making connections with what we think life would be like living in a palace. Please can you make sure your child has water proof clothing, trousers, school sweatshirt, wellies and a packed lunch.

## Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and is handed in on a Friday. It will include reading, spelling and a Maths activity. Other subjects will be covered as and when appropriate. Please could you sign that homework has been completed. Remember to bring your reading book into school every day.