

Primary 2 Learning Letter: Term Four

Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2016

Welcome to Term 4, we are all looking forward to a busy and fun term. The highlights of last term included our P3 Maths assembly and our interdisciplinary context of Let's Put Mid Calder on the Map. The children worked very hard producing information posters showing what clubs, activities and places to visit there were in Mid Calder. We then presented our ideas to West Lothian Council representatives who were very impressed with our research. We hope you had a relaxing Easter break and are ready for another exciting term.

Miss Kerr
P3 Teacher



English & Literacy

This term in reading we will be focusing on imaginative texts in a variety of genres. The children will develop their skills in prediction, questioning, summarising and inference. We will also be exploring digital texts and transferring our skills.

Through the context of 'The Great Island Challenge,' (IDL) the children will have the opportunity to write their own personal message, create lists and instructions.

In Writing we will continue to apply our knowledge of nouns, verbs and adjectives while introducing the use of adverbs.

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.

Reading will take place most days and your child will be reading aloud to develop fluency and expression at least twice a week. The children are continuing to develop their reading skills such as questioning and prediction along with their knowledge of words e.g. nouns, verbs and adjectives.

You can support at home by asking questions of the text and discussing the meaning of tricky words.



Maths & Numeracy

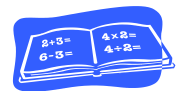
This term we will be focusing on 2 and 3 digit additions and subtraction calculations and worded problems, allowing the children to continue to strengthen their use of different strategies to solve problems.

We will further develop our understanding of multiplication and division and the links with fractions. We will learn about halves, quarters and thirds and how fractions are used with objects, items and numbers etc.

We will also learn about angles and directions, right angles and clockwise and anti-clockwise through using programmable toys to follow or draw a simple route. We will have a short focus on time, studying analogue and digital clocks and learning about o'clock, half past and quarter to/past.

We will continue to develop our skills in Mental Maths by doing Number Talks where your child will learn to develop different strategies to solve number problems in real life contexts. We will also be following Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning or (SEAL) strategies to reinforce counting up to and beyond 100 and problem solving using the operations.

You can support at home through practising quick recall of number bonds (addition and subtraction) to 20 and the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times table facts.



Interdisciplinary Learning: The Great Island Challenge

This term our interdisciplinary learning context will be STEM (Science, Technologies, Engineering and Maths.) We will be exploring this context through a variety of challenges.

1. Challenge One – Island Architect: Construct a Hut.
2. Challenge Two – Crocodile Crossing: Build a Bridge.
3. Challenge Three – Message in a Bottle: Waterproof Container.
4. Challenge Four – Pirate Defence: Coconut Catapult.
5. Challenge Five – Float Your Boat: Raft Design.
6. Challenge Six – Plan a Survival Celebration

Additional Information

This term our specialist teacher is Mrs Mitchell who will be taking P.E. on a Tuesday. In addition to this I will take P.E. on a Thursday. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on these days.

Focus

Our Health and Well Being focus this term will be exploring our uniqueness and the qualities of friendship. In Reading the children will develop their independent reading skills linked to frequent library visits and discussing their choices of books.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and is handed in on a Friday. It will include reading, Maths activity and spellings to learn for Friday. Remember to bring your reading book into school each day. Please continue to login and explore Purple Mash and Sumsdog challenges with your child.