Dear Parent/Carer, January 2017

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary 3. All of the children have settled back in to class and are looking forward to lots of fun in Term 3. The highlights of last term included our BFG topic, a trip to Edinburgh Zoo as part of the Into Film Festival and our BFG Christmas Show.

Miss Clark P3 Teacher

This term Primary 3 will be focusing on and developing a variety of key reading skills. This includes making connections, summarising and inference.

Our writing will focus on various genres that will allow us to apply what we have learned through the context of our IDL. This term, we will explore biographies, menu writing, invitation writing and creating a programme of events for a Burns Supper.

This term, we will also be continuing to develop our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), as well as our handwriting and spelling. The children will also be using up-levelling techniques to improve the standard of their writing.



Maths & Numeracy

This term, our numeracy work will focus on grouping and place value. We will also continue to develop our mental agility through Number Talks, mental maths games and verbal recall. In our wider maths this term, the focus will be on measure, looking specifically at area and weight.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular addition and subtraction revision and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog is also a fantastic resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts. Purple Mash also has a wide variety of maths games. Each child has their Purple Mash and Sumdog passwords in their homework diary.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Robert Burns and the Burns Supper

This term our context for learning is Robert Burns and The Burns Supper. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of literacy, social studies and health and well being. The key questions we will look at are:

- 1. Who is Robert Burns? Why was he an important part of Scottish history?
- 2. What is Scots language? Why is it important to Scotland?
- 3. What happens at a Burns Supper?
- 4. Are there any traditional foods in Scotland?

Additional Information

This term, our outdoor PE days will be Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors in colder weather (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

Spelling and Maths homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday.

Reading homework will be given on a Tuesday and is to be completed and handed in on Friday. Please sign reading, spelling and maths homework when completed.

Burns Supper

As part of our topic our class will have the opportunity to take part in a Burns Supper during the school day. This will include reciting scots poems, tasting Scottish food and learning Highland dancing steps and Ceilidh dances.