

# Primary 3 Term 1



August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 3! I hope you have all been able to have a lovely, relaxing summer break. We are so excited to be back in school and we are looking forward to starting our new term. Over the first few weeks we will be working hard to establish a positive and effective classroom ethos. This will include getting to know each other, and creating our own Class Contract, which helps pupils, staff and visitors to understand how the school values and children's rights are respected within our classroom.

Mr Renshaw

## Literacy:

- **Spelling** – We will continue to use the 'Jolly Phonics' programme to learn and revise our spelling patterns each week.
- **Writing and Grammar** – We will continue to use Jolly phonics and the 'PM Writing' programme within both our writing and grammar lessons. We will be covering a range of genre types in our Writing lessons.
- **Reading** – We will explore fiction texts and develop our understanding of how to use reading strategies to support our reading fluency. Through focussed group work, we will explore making predictions and answering different types of questions to improve our comprehension.

## Maths and Numeracy:

We will focus on place value, explore forwards and backwards number sequences and compare and order numbers. The children will have opportunities to develop their numeracy skills through focussed group work, number games, and a variety of independent, group and paired activities.

We will also be focusing on position, movement and coordinates, linking to learning in our Katie Morag topic.

## Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) and Health and Wellbeing:

**Interdisciplinary Learning:** Our next context for learning in P3/4 will be **Katie Morag**. This will focus on exploring the Scottish Islands, making comparisons between Island life and the mainland, describing, following and using instructions, looking at maps and finding various locations using co-ordinates. There will also be opportunities for problem solving, designing and construction.

**Health and Wellbeing:** Alongside the 'Emotion Works' programme, we are using many strategies within the classroom to make sure that everyone feels as safe and nurtured as possible. We will also continue with our regular check-ins.

**PE:** We will continue to have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday with Mrs Davidov. The majority of our time will be outside so please ensure that the children wear appropriate clothing.

**Outdoor Learning:** Miss Brolls will be supporting with our outdoor learning sessions on a Tuesday.

## Other information:

- The children will have a snack time in the morning and afternoon. You may provide two snacks if you wish. Could you please ensure that your child has plenty to drink throughout the day as the water fountains are still out of order due to Covid regulations.
- Homework will begin after the September break. Further information will be given due course.