

# Primary 2 Newsletter

January- April 2020

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. We're really looking forward to a new term, with lots of exciting learning to come.



## Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy we will be working on multiplication (counting in 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s) division, addition and subtraction. In Maths, we will be working on measure (length, weight, capacity and area), and we will move on to time later in the term.

We have introduced the children to Cuisenaire Rods, a Maths resource which helps develop understanding of Numeracy and Maths concepts. We have loved investigating them through play!

## Literacy & English

For our writing this term we will be continuing to develop story writing and using Scots language. We will also be looking at poetry, rhyme and explanation texts.

Our grammar this term will focus on common and proper nouns. We will continue to practice our neat handwriting, with joins, capitals and full stops.

Both classes will have reading groups on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please hear your child reading regularly and discuss the book. Encourage children to read with expression. Children have been given a choice of Scottish poems to learn at home (check home learning bag). This is a good opportunity to practice speaking with expression, good eye contact and hand gestures.

**Reading books and records should be brought to school every day.** Some children will be given opportunities to read with an adult daily in school. Pupils will be visiting the school library weekly to choose a book to read in class. Spelling will continue with the Home Learning on a fortnightly basis.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

We are starting the term with a focus on Scottish literature and culture. We will also be starting our Human Body topic.

Similar to last term, most areas of the curriculum will be explored through our topic and children will be given opportunities to apply their learning by investigating problems, working independently and with others. The children will continue to be encouraged to take the lead and think of ideas and questions that they would like to find out.

We have the P2-4 show to look forward to in March!

Soon we will be learning songs and beginning to put the show together.

## Health & Wellbeing

Both classes have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday, Mrs Howard, will be teaching gymnastic skills. On a Thursday we will be learning dance. Firstly, we will focus on traditional Scottish dances and then we will compare steps to different cultural dances. Children will be encouraged to create and invent their own dances. PE kit on PE days should consist of black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours) and suitable shoes.

## Additional Information

**Mrs Welsh will now be teaching RME to both classes on Monday.**

**Miss Morland will be teaching French to both classes on a Monday.**

Reading – Tuesday and Thursday.

PE- will be on Tuesday and Thursday (for both classes).

Gym Shoes – Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor gym shoes in school (not to be worn outside)

Home Learning- New home learning will be issued on a Thursday and given a fortnight to complete. Return on Wednesday.

**Please bring reading books to school every day.**

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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