

P3 Newsletter – Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so lovely to welcome you back. I hope you had a lovely and relaxing summer holiday. We have all settled back into school quickly and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will be revising our addition and subtraction strategies and using rounding to estimate. We will also be reading, writing and ordering whole numbers to 100/1000 as well recalling 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will learn how to count in halves and quarters and name regular 2D shapes and classify them by their properties as well as looking at symmetry in shapes and patterns.

Literacy

For literacy this term we will be using the Active Literacy programme to develop spelling, reading and writing. The children will be sent home with two books each week, this will give you and your child the opportunity to practise reading at home. Books need to be brought to school each day as we don't always have spares and children use them in the classroom. Please try and visit the local library with your child to engage with a wider selection of books. To help further develop children's reading for enjoyment, they can also bring in their own books/magazines into school. We will also be developing our reading strategies and comprehension skills. This term our writing focus is recount and we will also be learning how to write a procedural piece. We will also be using a wider range of vocabulary, punctuation, connectives and openers in our writing. Any opportunities you can give for your child to write at home, such as writing birthday cards, stories or recipes would be a great experience for them.

IDL

We will cover 2 projects this term. We will be looking at the work of charities and ask ourselves 'How Can We Help?' We will also be exploring countries and religions.

Gym Sessions

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please send your child ready for gym on these days. Dark coloured shorts/ leggings/ joggers, trainers, white polo shirt, and

school jumper/ cardigan. No earrings or jewellery please and long hair should be tied up.

On Thursdays PE will take place outdoors and therefore the children should wear appropriate outdoor clothing. Starting on the 1st of September for six weeks, we are excited to have an instructor from Impact Arts Dance who will be teaching the children dance.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be focusing on our emotions using the zones of regulation which will give children the opportunity to think about and express how they feel. Please familiarise yourself with these zones and try to encourage the use of this outside of school to help children learn how to self-regulate. We will also be learning about children's right and create our own class charter to help us establish a safe and happy learning environment.

ZONES OF REGULATION!			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space

Homework

Homework will begin the start of September and uploaded onto Seesaw which is the learning app that we use throughout the school. Please encourage your child to use the app to post any work completed at home. Children will also be issued with a homework jotter for those children who prefer to complete their homework on paper. Spelling words and numeracy homework will also be shared weekly on Seesaw. Your child should also spend at least 20 mins per week on Sumdog in order to practice their maths skills. Let me know if you require a Seesaw or Sumdog log in.

How can I help my child?

- Talk to your child about their new words for the week and try to use the words as much as possible. These will be posted on Seesaw each week.
- Practise reading books and tricky words daily.
- Encourage reading/sounding out words when out and about e.g., bus stops, shop names, menus.
- Complete weekly Sumdog challenges to earn coins!
- Select your child's lunch option each day. This saves us lots of valuable learning time in class.

Outdoor Learning

We will be taking some of our learning outside, whatever the weather, so come prepared for our changeable Scottish weather! We have lots of great outdoor areas for children to explore and expand on their learning in a different environment. Ms Murdoch will be taking the children outdoors on Thursdays, she will be teaching them Beyond Number and food and health.

Lost property

We are already finding that a number of children are losing items in school almost every day. Please ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing/snack boxes/water bottles and encourage children to take care of their things.

Meet the Teacher

We are holding a **Meet the Teacher** event on Wed 26th August at 3.15, This is an opportunity to see our classroom and some of the resources we use and to hear important information about the year ahead. I look forward to meeting you all then. Please note that there will **not** be an opportunity to discuss individual children at this meeting. If you have any concerns or questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch via Seesaw or the school office.

Kindest regards,

Ms Benzie