

Primary 3 Newsletter - August 2019

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer. I am delighted to be working with Primary 3 this year while Mrs Ferris is on maternity leave and look forward to the exciting learning experiences that we will undertake together in the coming months.

This newsletter will give you an insight into the content we will be covering over the coming weeks as well as additional information for your reference.

Literacy

We will be developing a range of skills as part of literacy this term.

Our **writing** focus will be recount writing, where the children will write about things that have happened to them. There will be a big push to ensure letters are written correctly and that we are using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing.

For **reading** we will continue to focus on different strategies to read unknown words as well as developing comprehension skills. Programmes such as 'Bug Club' will also be used to assist in the enhancement of these skills. It is beneficial to encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts outside of school.

For **spelling and phonics** we will continue to revise and consolidate previously learned digraphs such as ue, aw, ow and 'magic e' as well as practising to read and write common words. A quick search on the internet can help you locate the first 200 common words if you wish to revise them with your child at home.

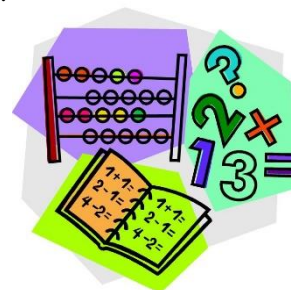


Numeracy and maths

This term we will be focusing on:

- Adding and subtracting numbers within 100.
- Counting on and back in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Verbalising 3 digit numbers e.g. 327 = three hundred and twenty-seven.
- We will begin to look at place value e.g. 327 represents 3 hundreds, 2 tens and seven ones.
- Miss Stevenson will cover my time out of class on a Wednesday and she will be focusing on money (using different combinations of coins to pay for things and giving change) as well as problem solving.

We will also be developing mental maths skills during each lesson. For a list of skills that will be covered this term, please contact me.



IDL

Our topic this term will focus around the city of Glasgow. We will be learning about what a city is, what it needs to function and make links to our own local community. Transport, weather and Glasgow artists are some other areas we will be looking at within this topic.

If you have anything interesting related to our topic, feel free to send these in for your child to show the class or get in touch with me.

Other curricular areas

- In science, we will be focusing on the water cycle.
- For technologies, we will be learning about inventions and using different pieces of digital hardware (laptops, computers, iPads).
- Expressive arts will be linked to our IDL topic.
- For R.M.E. we will be focusing on different ways of life through the exploration of artefacts.
- Our Health and Wellbeing focuses are friendships and the world of work. In P.E. we will be focusing on fitness and ball skills.
- In French we will be consolidating and building our knowledge from Primary 2.

Recognition boards

In our classroom, we are developing 'Recognition Boards'. The recognition board will foster positive interdependence in the classroom. There is no prize, no material reward. The recognition board is a collaborative strategy which will target learning attitudes and not just functional behaviour. The target chosen will raise the expectation for all the children. The

recognition board will emphasise peer responsibility where pupils are praised for effort.

Homework

Each week, your child will be given a reading book to read with you at home. Please ensure your child brings these to school every day as there will be tasks throughout the week involving these books.

Where appropriate, some children will receive written homework. This will be specific to each child and contain different tasks for them to complete. This should also be completed and handed in on a Friday.

Online resources are located at the end of this newsletter for those who want to do extra work at home.

P.E. kit and days

Our P.E. days will be **Thursday** and **Friday**. Your child should bring a white t-shirt, dark shorts and a change of shoes for their kit. Where possible, please label your child's belongings. Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery on P.E. days for safety and to avoid loss.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their child's P.E. kit already.

Website Links

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/games--1/>

Here's to a successful year ahead!

Mrs Kenny

