

In LITERACY this term we are learning ...

Continuing the Jolly Grammar Programme started in P2. Sounds and Spelling patterns will focus on double ff, ll, zz - our friendly letters. We will continue to revise and consolidate all common words learnt since P1 and introduce number and maths vocabulary too. Children will be encouraged to practise and learn their spelling words in a way that best suits their learning style using Active Spelling.

We will be building on Grammar skills, which will include alphabetical order, sentences, speech marks, questions, commas in lists and exclamation marks.

We will be using dictionaries and other tools to develop our understanding and knowledge of vocabulary and texts



- Continuing to read and write using different genre and challenge themselves in their writing through the use of appropriate vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP)
- Making notes about aspects of India to present information to the class.
- Reading will build on skills of whole word

recognition and sounding out to further develop fluency when reading aloud. There will be a focus on reading with expression and children will display comprehension through discussion, questioning and independent written activities.

Using non-fiction texts to find information about aspects of Indian culture.

Listening to and re-telling stories linked to Diwali and the Hindu religion.

Reading for enjoyment by choosing texts within the class and school library.

In NUMERACY AND MATHEMATICS we are learning to...

- Continuing to develop their mental maths skills using strategies such as counting on
- Enhancing their knowledge of number processes using whole numbers.
- Continuing to work on place value and the importance of zero.
- Recognising pattern and creating my own.
- Using 2D shapes to create pattern and recognising lines of symmetry in them.
- Looking at pattern around us and in nature and recreating them in different ways.
- Measure when baking - weight.
- Continuing to learn more about how maths is used in our everyday lives through concepts of time, days, months, seasons, years and how these things help us to plan our days.



In Health and Wellbeing we are learning to...

P.E. lessons will be taught every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Primary 3 will be developing invasion games. On a Tuesday we will be taking part in football with Spartans and on Thursdays - invasion games with the specialist. On Wednesdays we will focus on dance and drama related to our topic.

This term there is a whole school focus on 'Look on the bright side' In this unit we will learn...

- The way you think can affect the way you feel
- There are different ways of looking at the same thing
- Focussing on what you are grateful for can help

There will be a whole school focus on Road Safety and how to travel safely especially during the dark winter months

Our INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING TOPIC this term is...

Our topic this term is India.

Both Primary 3 and Primary 3 /4 will look at the fascinating country of India. On a weekly basis, lessons will focus on various aspects of the curriculum to ensure a variety of exciting and cooperative tasks are included in the classroom.

Throughout this topic, we will be working with the other Primary 3/4 class to demonstrate our learning and knowledge of this area.

By the end of the term your child should be able to:

- Identify where India is on a world map, including key facts about Life in India.
- Talk about the similarities and differences between life in India and that of life in Scotland.
- Demonstrate confidence in performing both drama and dance routines inspired by Indian traditions
- Explain the use of spices in Indian cuisine, and how to safely prepare and explore the sensory aspect of Indian cuisine.
- Explain the Indian festival of Lights known as 'Diwali' and its significance within the Hindu religion.
- Learn key facts about Elephants and their importance in India as well as creating different art projects using different medium and techniques.

OTHER LEARNING AND WIDER SCHOOL LIFE...

We will be continuing to hear and learn about our cooperation with Mpeni Primary School.

The class will have the opportunity to work with specialist teachers in Music and PE this term.

Football will continue for P3 students for the next 3 weeks.

Further information of our joint exhibition on India with Primary 3/ 4 will be delivered via email to parents closer to the exhibition date.



OTHER NEWS AND REMINDERS...

Please try and encourage your child to complete at least one task from the home learning wall each term. Can we emphasise once more that presentation is key when students are completing homework. We expect standards to be maintained and encouraged at home as well as in class.

There will also be a longer piece of topic homework delivered to children. Further information to follow in relation to our topic of India.

Please check schoolbags for letters, permission slips etc.

Please remember to check your child's ONLINE LEARNING JOURNAL regularly and make comments. We are keen to hear about their wider achievements and you can record these on the Online Journal.

All the best,

Mrs Hagart