

**P1 – P3 Term 3
2023
Class Newsletter**

Important Days

Wednesday: Outdoor Learning

Thursday/Friday: PE

Outdoor Learning (Long trousers/leggings, wellies and jackets, remember to apply sun cream before school too)

Literacy

Reading: Children will continue to use our decoding and blending skills to support reading of words. We will be focusing on tricky words and will develop our confidence when reading them.

Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation: We are going to continue learning a new sound and grapheme each week. Previous sounds will be revised regularly to develop our knowledge and confidence. We will continue to develop confidence when using joining words and connectives and begin to use question marks.

Writing: We are going to explore the stories of 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk' using them as a focus for writing our own stories. Using these stories as stimulus we will also write fact files about Wolves and learn how to write letters. We will also continue using colourful semantics to help structure our sentences, beginning to do this independently or with a peer. We are continuing to focus on our letter formation, ensuring we use the cursive joins/flicks correctly.

Listening and Talking: During everyday lessons we will focus on listening to each other and begin to develop the skill of building on someone else's idea. We will also be using expression to retell our 'Red Riding Hood' and 'Beanstalk' stories with the use of props to support us.

Numeracy

The children will be focusing on subtraction skills this term. We will be working within 10, 20 and 100. We will develop a range of mental strategies to support our subtraction. We will explore place value again, developing our confidence when discussing the value of numbers, working with 10s, 100s and 1000 numbers.

Maths

We will complete a block of learning around symmetry and transformation. We will use mirrors to check if an object is symmetrical and create our own symmetrical patterns or pictures. We will also begin learning about measurement, developing our language to describe objects appropriately and learning to measure objects by length, width and height using the appropriate unit of measure.

Health and Wellbeing

We will explore how to keep ourselves clean, safe and how to take care of our teeth.

We will also learn about how our body needs energy to function and how this comes from food. We will explore how our physical activity impacts our wellbeing.

In Science we will investigate the different states of water and how it can change and how different solids can dissolve in water.

Topic – Our Community and People Who Help Us

We are going to be exploring our local community, learning about jobs within the community and making links with different charities and businesses. We will link this learning to maps, exploring our place within the world and what local housing is like.

In Expressive Arts

During PE we will be exploring rhythm, movement and space when learning Scottish dances. We will be demonstrating an understanding of formation dancing whilst being aware of our personal space when working with others. We will be rehearsing and performing short dance sequences. During Music we will learn about some Scottish musicians and their songs. Through exploring these pupils will continue to develop their sense of pulse, rhythm, tone and pitch.

In French we will continue to develop short phrases and questions. We will also develop knowledge of French names for fruit and food. We will continue to count to 20 in French.