January 2022

Dear Adults,

Welcome to Term 3!

I hope you had a lovely winter holiday and enjoyed the festivities with your loved ones.

Please ensure that each day your child is coming to school prepared to learn and has a pencil and a rubber. Green folders and school diaries should come to school daily too.

**Naming belongings:** Please label all belongings - school clothing, jackets, bags, pencil cases, packed lunches, and water bottles. This allows for easy return to the owner should anything get lost.

It is preferable for pupils to wear shoes with Velcro fastenings to school. If your child’s shoes do have laces please ensure they know how to tie these and continue to develop this skill at home.

**Numeracy**
In numeracy, we will continue to consolidate of number bonds. We will begin to look at multiplication and division of 2, 5, and 10. This will be explored through counting patterns (2, 4, 6, 8 etc) and by groupings – i.e: 2 x 3 is 2 groups with 3 items in each.

**Literacy**
Spelling homework will be given out weekly via Google Classroom. The list of words with their specific sound will be taught in class on a Monday and reinforced in school with other spelling activities during the week. For homework pupils will be encouraged to revise their list of spelling words by choosing activities they find fun and engaging, a list of ideas is attached to the spelling homework.

Grammar and writing will be taught weekly. Pupils will work on their handwriting weekly through a variety of active, fine motor activities and formal handwriting lessons.

Reading will be taught twice a week, either on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. The reading books which go home will have been prepared at school and pupils will build their knowledge and understanding of different texts. Please spend time going over the reading with your child to reinforce accurate and fluid reading, and good comprehension. Throughout the week pupils will be given time to silent read in class. We do have a great selection of books available in the classroom but your child can take a book in from home if they wish.

**Topic**
This term we will be exploring the topic ‘Scotland’s Larder’. This will be an opportunity to learn about Scottish produce, traditional meals and snacks, weather, and farming.

**P.E**This term P.E will take place on a Monday and Wednesday between break and lunch. This will take place outdoors and pupils should be appropriately dressed including footwear. Velcro fastenings for shoes are preferable, if shoes have laces please ensure pupils can tie these themselves. In addition to timetabled P.E lessons, pupils will take part in the ‘Daily Mile’ around Bourtree Park. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them each day.

**Timetable**

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|  | **9-10.55** | **11.15-12.50** | **1.50-3.20** |
| **Monday** |  | P.E | Assembly |
| **Tuesday** |  |  | RME Mrs Storey12.20-12.50 & 1.50-2.20 |  |
| **Wednesday** |  | P.EMrs Muir |  |
| **Thursday** |  |  |  |
| **Friday** |  |  | Golden Time |

**School Diaries**Pupils should continue to take their school diary to school each day, I appreciate your support with this. At the end of term children will be given an ‘Effort, Attitude, and Behaviour’ report in their diary. Please read and discuss this with your child and add your own comments in the boxes.

**Class Rules**We worked as a class to agree on our class rules. These are:

1. Be kind to everyone
2. Help each other
3. Follow the Golden Rules
4. Sit nicely
5. Listen carefully to everyone
6. Put our hands up
7. Keep hands and feet to ourselves
8. Move around the classroom sensibly
9. Use manners

**Learning Celebration Books**Your child will have opportunities throughout the term to add achievements to their celebration books and take these home to show you. Please feel free to add a comment and ensure the book is returned to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Miss Mellis