

Term 4 Newsletter - April 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed some time together over the Easter break, even if the weather was not what we hoped for in April. It is hard to believe that we are now into our final term of the school year, they do say 'time flies when you're having fun' and this year has certainly flown. Our P1's and P2's have made great progress during the year and it has been lovely sharing the beginning of the P1's learning journey with them.

Weekly Timetable

P.E Sessions	Tuesday and Friday
Assembly	Wednesday afternoon
Library	Friday - Children will independently select a book from the school library to share at home. Please note that books are to be returned the following Friday to enable a new book to be selected.

This term the children will also be continuing to work with the following teachers for short periods of time on the following days:

Thursday	Mrs Rennie
Friday	Miss Anderson (every 2 nd week)

Topic

Our topic this term is, In the Garden, we will be learning about living and non-living things, life cycles, food chains, habitats and different types of plants/trees and what they need to grow. We have already enjoyed learning about sunflowers and have planted our very own sunflowers seeds and are waiting patiently for them to grow.

Our topic will also create lots of outdoor learning opportunities and we will try to get the children outdoors most days. To accommodate for the ever-changing Scottish weather, please ensure that children have suitable clothing for their outdoor learning sessions.

Literacy

We are currently learning our last few Jolly Phonic sounds and we will be revisiting the sounds already covered to ensure that the children have a firm understanding of single sounds. Some children are beginning to use the sounds they know to sound out words during reading and create new words. If this is the stage that your child is at, it would be beneficial for your child if you could play games at home to build their confidence in blending words together, such as cat, hat, mat, pin etc. We are also learning about beginning, middle and end sounds, it would be helpful if you could talk about this with your child to help them identify where the sound is in a word. Phonics homework will continue to be sent home to help consolidate learning.

The children will continue to work within our reading scheme and reading will be sent home regularly. Sets of new words to learn will be sent home to support your child's learning as they progress. If your child finds these words tricky to learn or remember, ask them to look for clues or familiar sounds, look at what sound the word begins with, the shape or length of the word. Try to have fun looking for the

words in books, newspapers, posters, menus, shops signs etc. You could also play games like matching pairs, snap and bingo to help reinforce their learning. The children might also like to have a go at writing and copying the words using sand or mud, fancy pens, paint, chalk and shaving foam.

P2's are currently focusing on learning the last of their joined sounds such as ea and igh and blending sounds together. Phonics spelling homework will continue to be sent home, and uploaded to our Google Classroom, each week to be returned the following Monday. Reading will also be taught and sent home twice each week.

For both P1 & P2, we will continue with weekly writing sessions and a variety of other literacy activities to consolidate and build on their understanding.

Numeracy

This term P1 will begin to focus on subtraction within 10, money and measurement.

P2 will explore numbers to 100, measurement and they will begin to apply their addition and subtraction skills to the concept of money.

Health and Wellbeing

In health and wellbeing this term, your young person will be taking part in RSHP lessons. The lessons for P1 are:

- My body
- My body belongs to me
- Unique, similar and different
- Our Families
- People who help and look after me
- Asking questions, making choices, saying yes/no
- Friends and Friendship
- Playing Together: Being Kind
- Personal space and privacy
- When I feel sad/upset
- Looking after plants/animals
- Pregnancy and looking after a baby

All units are available for parents to view on the RSHP website, along with some useful links to support RSHP at home - <https://rshp.scot/early-level/>

The lessons for P2 are:

- My body
- Privacy
- Friends and friendships
- Looking after plants and animals
- People who help and look after me

All units are available for parents to view on the RSHP website, along with some useful links to support RSHP at home - <https://rshp.scot/first-level/>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday - School closed to pupils and staff
Wednesday 22 nd May	Parents Evening - Further information will be sent home
Thursday 23 rd May	Parents Evening - Further information will be sent home
Friday 7 th June	Dress as you please day
Saturday 8 th June	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 18 th June	Sports Day and Family Picnic
Friday 5 th July	Last day of term

Please continue to ensure that all items brought into school are named, as, in theory, they are more likely to find their way home. It would also be appreciated if any borrowed clothing is returned to school for others to use.

As always, if there are any issues or concerns then please write a note in the homework diary, get in touch through the school office or catch me at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your continued help and support throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated.

Best Wishes,

Mrs McDonald