

Primary 3 Newsletter

Term Two

October - December

The nights are fair drawing in....



Wrap up warm, and stay safe
when you're out and about!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

P3 will be continuing to use the *Oxford Reading Tree* books to improve fluency.

We will also be exploring the novel *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl, undertaking various activities using the *Super Six* reading strategies to increase comprehension.

Writing will be based around recounts and fiction, where we will use Writer's Craft to develop our skills.

We will be concentrating on using adjectives to add interest to our work, and self-editing our spelling and punctuation

Oracy will be developed through preparation for our *Pirates* class assembly.

Numeracy and mathematics

In *Number*, we will be looking at the 2 and 4 times tables, and the 3 and 6 times tables, and exploring the link between multiplying and division.

In *Beyond number* we will be looking at simple fractions, and starting work on time (o'clock, half past, and quarter past / to).

Expressive arts

In art and design this term will be we doing junk modeling, line drawings and printing.

Our drama and music will primarily revolve around preparations for our end-of-topic *Pirates* assembly

We will also be learning Christmas songs, and looking at expression and feeling.

Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be gymnastics and working together in pairs / teams.

Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE days this term are Monday and Friday. Water bottles should also be brought to ensure good hydration.

A range of anti-bullying lessons will be delivered, to ensure children know what makes a good friend, and who they can go to for support.

Religious and moral education

Pupils will be learning about aspects of Diwali. Later, the focus will turn to Christmas.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Science

Our Science focus this term will be *sound and the ear*. We will explore how the ear works, and how sound is produced.

Social subjects

This term we will be finishing our work learning about *Pirates*. This will culminate in our class assembly on Friday 24th November. You are cordially invited to attend at 09:30.

Technologies

The class will be using our refurbished ICT suite to enhance their learning across the curriculum.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Mitchell, a PGDE student from Strathclyde University, to P3 this term.



Dates for your diary:

23rd November: Winter Fair

12th and 14th December: Nativity performances

19th December: Christmas parties

20th Dec: School closes at 14:30

Thu 21st Dec – Wed 3rd Jan: Holiday

4th Jan: Start of Term 3