



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

As part of the *Jolly Grammar* programme, the class will be developing their spelling skills each week. They will be issued with spelling words every Monday which are worked on throughout the week and assessed on Friday.

Children will be issued with an *Oxford Reading Tree* or *Dandelion Readers* phonic book to be read at home every night. This will be changed regularly. Our class reading lessons will be focused on developing *questioning* and *summarizing*. We will also be going on an afternoon trip to Hillhead Library to meet author Meg McLaren on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

Our focus for imaginative writing this term is the development of *setting*. Our non-fiction focus will be *procedural* writing; you may already have heard the children talking about the dragon's eggs that they have found in the library. Children will be learning 'how to trap a dragon' and learning the instructions off by heart. Please continue to encourage your child to tell you, or perform the story at home.

## Numeracy and mathematics

In term 2, P2 will be investing significant time developing addition and subtraction skills. We will be moving away from using concrete materials and exploring ways to calculate addition and subtraction problems mentally.

Our teaching student, Mr Sinnott, will be working on 'time' with primary 2 this term. He is with us for 6 weeks from the 5<sup>th</sup> of November until the 14<sup>th</sup> of December and we are delighted to welcome him to Primary 2.

## Expressive arts

We will continue to receive music input from Ms Graham, our YMI tutor, every fortnight.

Mr Sinnott will be leading a drama program related to our dragon discovery and our topic.



### Dates for your diary:

30<sup>th</sup> November: Winter Fair

11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity performances

19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas parties

## Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be gymnastics. This will be taught inside and therefore a PE kit would be very much appreciated for our PE days. Children will be developing methods of travel, rolls and jumps.

Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE days this term are Tuesday and Wednesday.

We will continue to develop children's emotional literacy using our PATHS and Bounceback lessons. Anti-Bullying week is also this term and will help us to assess what makes a good friend.

## Religious and moral education

This term, Primary 2 will be studying religious signs and symbols across all of the major religions and where these can be found around us.

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

## Social Subjects

Our topic for this term is 'Schools: past and present.' This is a People, Past Events and Societies topic and will involve plentiful opportunity for research of the people who lived in our local community, and the children who attended Dunard Primary.

## Technologies

Our technologies focus for this term will be focused on the ICT suite, and the skills required to open and close programmes, use a mouse and keyboard correctly, as well as researching our topic and dragons on the internet.

## Homework

This term I would ask that you talk with your child about your experiences at school, how it differs from today, and help them to produce a short talk (1-3 minutes) about this. They may wish to create a poster to help them deliver the information.

20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School closes at 14:30

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Holiday

7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Start of Term 3