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Primary 1 Term 3 Newsletter

Happy New Year! Thank you very much for the kind gifts I received at the end of last term. I have enjoyed hearing all the holiday stories. I am looking forward to another very busy term ahead.

Literacy

We are now focusing more on vowel digraphs and initial blends. We are also learning to read and write tricky words, which do not follow phonetic rules.

We are enjoying our reading books and are continuing to work on key reading skills. Please continue to practise keywords at home as this is important to develop our sight vocabulary.

For Writing we are looking at creating imaginative and personal stories and working on letters. We will also be looking at poetry.

Numeracy and Maths

We continue to deepen our understanding of numbers to 20 or 30 as well as addition and subtraction. For Numeracy we will be doing lots of games and collaborative learning.

For Maths we will be looking at data handling by collecting and displaying information. We will then start to find out about telling the time using analogue and digital clocks.

I have enclosed a list of suggested activities to practise Numeracy at home.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We start off this term by having our Scotland focus. We will be completing a novel study about Katie Morag as well as taking part in some ceilidh dances. Towards the end of January we will be doing a short focus on Chinese New Year. We will discover the traditions and dishes that are part of China's important holiday. Along with the rest of the school, we will be finding out about Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight. We are looking forward to finding out about Egyptians as our main topic. In March we are going on a trip to the National Museum of Scotland where we will take part in an Egyptian workshop.

Health & Wellbeing

Our PE days for this term are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that children have their gym kit on these days.

As part of our Health and Wellbeing focus we are continuing to explore our feelings and appropriate responses to our peers through our 'Cool in School' programme.

Other Information

Please continue to label all clothing and personal property.

Our new homework tasks should be completed each week for Thursday.

23.01.19, 31.01.19, 05.02.19 - Shared Start
26.03.19 & 28.03.19 - Parents' Consultations
27.03.19 - National Museum of Scotland Trip
02.04.19 - Grandparents' Day

Thank you for all of your support so far this year. I look forward to continuing to work with your children and to seeing you at the events that are taking place this term, including Shared Starts, and Parents' Consultations. If you have any queries or concerns, please continue to use the reading records or speak to me at the end of the day.

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