



Happy New Year to you all!

The children clearly enjoyed their Christmas holidays and enjoyed sharing their holiday news. They have now all settled back into our classroom routines and are enthusiastic about our busy term ahead!

Literacy

In writing we will be breaking down parts of a story and looking at how to develop these, focussing on sentence starters, vocabulary and connectives. We will continue to work on joined up handwriting. This term each child will deliver a short talk (on a subject of their own choice). More information will be given nearer the time. As a whole class we are currently reading extracts of Roald Dahl's stories.

Numeracy

This term we will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies, so that the children can perform quick mental calculations. We will also revisit the reading, writing and comparing of big numbers up to 1,000 and beyond. Work on Times Tables will be ongoing. In Maths we will be focussing on Data Handling and 2D and 3D shape.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We are starting our new topic on Scottish Castles and the children have already discussed what they already know and what they would like to find out. We will be learning about who lived in a castle and their roles, parts of castles and how they were built and why castles were important. I have booked an educational visit for the children to Edinburgh Castle. There will be more information to follow!

Health & Wellbeing

Please make sure that children have their gym kit available every day. The class has timetabled PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but may be needed on other days, too. Please also remember to send a named water bottle with your child.

Other Info

In music, the children are working with Mrs Callaghan on Scottish songs and listening to Scottish Music.

The children will have the chance to prepare and eat some Chinese food in our work on Chinese New Year and/or some Scottish shortbread as part of our Scottish celebrations.

January's LOL has now been issued. I look forward to hearing the children share their learning.

Reading days in class are Mondays and Thursdays. Details are in the Reading Records.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Mrs Susie Turnbull