



# Learning and Celebrating

## Primary 3/4 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the first term of Primary 3/4! The children have been settling well into class routines and are enthusiastic about the year ahead. It was great to see so many people at Meet the Teacher on Monday.

### Literacy

In Reading, we are developing fluency when reading aloud. We will also have a focus on comprehension, by carrying out different roles in our reading groups.

During Writing, we will be creating personal pieces before moving on to look at posters linked to our topic.

Children will develop Listening and Talking skills by taking part in group discussion in class.

### Numeracy and Maths

This term we are beginning by revising our Basic Maths facts. We will also be developing addition and subtraction strategies and learning about place value in Numeracy.

In Maths we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties as well as creating tiling patterns.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our topic is Penicuik. Children will be finding out a little about the history of the town as well as working on mapping skills. We look forward to working with the ranger at Penicuik House to support this. If you have any old pictures, maps or information about the town, please let me know.

We have also been developing our class charter by identifying our different rights and discussing which rights are important to us.

### Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days for this term are Tuesday with me and Wednesday with Mrs Jones. Please ensure that children have their gym kit on these days. Gym kits can be kept in school for the full term and should consist of shorts, a T-shirt and good fitting indoor shoes. Swimming lessons for P4 have now started and continue until 28.11.18. Thanks to those able to help by walking down and back to the pool with us.

### Home Learning and Dates for diaries

#### **Dates**

17.09.18	LOLs issued
26.09.18	One Planet Picnic
04.10.18	LOLs returned
09.10.18 & 11.10.18	Parents' Consultations

Please see reading records for pages children are to read at home.

### Additional Information

Children will have Music with Mrs Callaghan on a Tuesday and P.E. with Mrs Jones on a Wednesday. Mrs Cole will be working with P3/4 on most Thursday afternoons. Please continue to label all items of clothing.

Thank you for your support so far this term. It is great to be working with your children and I am looking forward to a good year ahead. Please use reading diaries or speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Andrew Drysdale