



Cornbank Primary School

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Primary 1 Term 3 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Festive Period. Thank you very much for the kind gifts we received at the end of last term. We have enjoyed hearing all the holiday stories. It sounds like everyone had lots of fun. We are looking forward to another very busy and exciting 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 this term we will be looking at imaginative, report and instructional writing. This will be linked to our 3 Little Pigs Fairytale Topic.

Numeracy and Maths

We will continue to work with numbers up to 50. There will be a focus on ordering and finding numbers before/after/between, number patterns and counting forwards/backwards starting at different points. We will also be learning doubles, halves, odd and even numbers as well as simple addition and subtraction.

For Maths we will be looking at data analysis and after the February break we will begin learning to tell the time. We will also be linking our maths to our 3 Little Pigs Fairytale Topic.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We start off this term by having our Scots' Week Focus. We will be exploring the book 'The Gruffalo in Scots' as well as taking part in some ceilidh dances and learning some Scottish songs.

As we progress into term 3 our IDL topic will be 'Learning through Fairytales.' Our Fairytale will be The 3 Little Pigs. We will be exploring Expressive Arts through a variety of Dance, Drama, Art and Music lessons. Our 3 Little Pigs Topic will also be linked closely to Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Children will be given lots of opportunities to explore this topic through play.

Towards the end of the term we will begin our 'Spring and New Life Topic' which we will continue into term 4.

Health & Wellbeing

Our PE days for this term are Monday and Thursday. Please ensure that children have their gym kit on these days. This term children will be focusing on gymnastic and racket skills.

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.

We will also begin exploring our 'Keeping Myself Safe' Programme. This is a collection of animated stories narrated by young people. It aims to promote discussion and raises awareness of how to stay safe when using the internet and other digital technologies.

Other Information

Please continue to label all clothing and personal property.

Reading books will continue weekly.
Information about reading will be in reading diaries.

Spelling Homework will be checked at the end of each week.

23.01.20 - Scots Day Ceilidh

28.01.20, 29.01.20, 30.01.20 - Shared Start

24.03.20 & 26.03.20 - Parental Consultations

31.03.19 - Grandparents' Day

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

Miss Hopkirk and Miss Maxwell