

Cornbank Primary School

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to be their best now and in the future

Welcome back to term 3 ☺ Happy New Year to everyone! We really hope you all had a lovely festive holiday. Thank you for your support at the Christmas Fair. We made £66.30.

<u>Literacy</u>

We continue to use the Jolly Phonics/Grammar Programme to teach spelling patterns and rules. Our focus will initially be on magic 'e' and how it changes the vowel sound e.g. hop /o/ becomes hope /oa/. We will then look at alternative sounds and spellings - ay, ai, a_e.

In Reading, we will continue to work on our tools for understanding what we read, giving our thoughts and opinions using evidence from our books. We will then also look at non-fiction texts and finding & using information.

In Writing, we will be focussing on imaginative stories. We will continue to work on extending our sentences with connectives and begin to develop our use of interesting vocabulary to describe settings and characters.

Numeracy and Maths

This term we will be developing our understanding of numbers by working on simple number sequences, ordering numbers and place value. We will continue to work on division strategies and develop our use of arrays to build understanding of division and multiplication calculations. We shall also be working on guick recall of number facts to 20.

In Maths, we undertook a block of work on Measure as we felt this fitted in with other topics we were doing before Christmas and so we will now start to look at Time. Our focus will be on days of the week, months of the year and telling the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to; before getting onto Money towards the end of the term.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

We will begin the term with a focus on the Scotland, looking at our history, heritage, culture and their significance during our Scots week celebrations. Pupils will experience poetry, food and songs linked to Burns' day, and end with a ceilidh celebration and Scots assembly.

Following on from this our topic will be Scottish Castles. Our focus will be on comparing life now to life in the past. Our exciting trip to Edinburgh Castle will be an enjoyable experience for children to further develop their learning.

Health & Wellbeing	Other Information
We will continue to look at aspects of 'keeping	LOL 4 issued 13.1.20, returned 31.1.20
myself safe' with a focus on Internet Safety.	LOL 5 issued 17.2.20, returned 5.3.20
	LOL 6 issued 16.3.20, returned 26.3.20
We regularly enjoy circle time activities - looking	Key Dates
at friendships and feelings/emotions, as well as	28.1, 29.1, 30.1 - Shared Start
strategies to help resolve any issues.	23.1.20 - Scots Day Ceilidh
	28.2.20 – P2 Class Assembly
Our PE days for this term will continue to be a	17.3.20 – Edinburgh Castle Trip
Wednesday and Thursday.	24.3.20 and 26.3.20 - Parents' Nights

We are both looking forward to continuing to work with your children this year. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch. Mrs Macgregor and Mrs Davies