



# Cornbank Primary School

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to be their best now and in the future

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas holiday and that you all kept well. The children have all settled back into our school routines and are raring to go for the new term ahead!

## Literacy

This term we will be continuing with our reading in class and at home. Our focus for home reading books will be non-fiction. We will be working on our comprehension skills and using The Blue Reading Box in class. This is an individualised reading resource where the children work through different types of genres and answer questions on the texts.

We will continue to learn a new spelling pattern each week and have a focus on common words. In Grammar, we will be using commas, apostrophes and speech marks. In Writing, we will be doing a little block of writing instructions.

## Numeracy and Maths

We are continuing to look at different methods for addition and subtraction. Times tables is always a focus and we do this through games, quizzes and iPad work. Basic Maths Facts is ongoing, where the children work hard to improve their quick mental calculations.

In Maths, we will be looking at Data Handling. We will be reading and collecting data then recording it in different ways. Angles and turns will be another part of our Maths work.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

Our next topic is 'Scotland', which we will be focussing on through the song Call It Alba, which was written by Mr Alan Murray of Penicuik. The children will be doing mapwork and plotting places on the map of Scotland, looking at the landscape and tourist attractions of Penicuik, the Borders and some of the Scottish islands, learning some Scottish dances and reciting Scots poetry.

## Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be working on Feelings and Being Safe. This will include looking at how friendships are formed and keeping ourselves safe in a variety of different situations including crossing the road, on the Internet, out playing with friends and when we meet a dog.

There are many opportunities in the week where the children have physical exercise. PE kits have to be worn to school on a Thursday please. Later this term we have a Virtual Athletics Challenge too.

## Some important dates

17.1.22 LOLS issued  
3.2.21 LOLS returned  
14.2.22 February holiday  
21.2.22 LOLS issued  
28.2.22 Fairtrade Focus  
10.03.22 LOLS returned  
21.3.22 LOLS issued  
28.2.22 Fairtrade Focus  
10.3.22 LOLS returned  
21.3.22 LOLS issued  
29.3.22 Parents' consultations  
31.3.22 Parents' consultations

I love looking at your individual Achievement Jamboards on our Google Classroom and am very impressed with them so far. Please keep updating these.

Life and school is not 'normal' for any of us for now and I just want to say that your children continue to amaze me with their ability to adapt to changes to routines and just get on with their learning.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Susie Turnbull

# Primary 3T Term 3 Newsletter