

Welcome to P1-3



Our IDL topic – here are a few of us showing off our freshly designed umbrellas for the witch's cat!

In NUMERACY all groups are initially learning about (or revising and consolidating) place value – be it to 10, 20, 50, 100.

We play lots of numeracy games, as well as using workbooks/sheets from White Rose Maths our maths scheme.

After that we will move onto different numeracy or mathematical topics such as addition and subtraction, position & direction, time and measure.

Our class timetable for Term 1:

PE – Tuesdays and Fridays (Please send kit in to school on Monday for the upcoming week)

Assembly – Thursdays

Mrs McNair in class – Thursday morning

In TOPIC we have started the term with an Interdisciplinary (IDL) topic based around Julia Donaldson's books 'Room on the Broom' and 'The Smartest Giant'.

We have made, created, designed a variety of different things linked to these stories working on our own or cooperatively with others.

After this we will move onto our Social Studies topic of Weather and Science too. Here we will look at Space in terms of the sun, moon and stars, including day and night, the seasons, length of a day/month/year.
(I'll be asking you to moon and star watch as the nights draw in!)

In LITERACY we are all learning (or further developing our skills) to read, write, listen to one another and share our thoughts and ideas. The youngest pupils are learning to read and write two letters a week and some common words. The older pupils are focusing on many things, including handwriting, writing instructions and stories, spelling of common words and building reading fluency.

We'll also be learning a few wee Scots poems and finding out about Harvest. We look forward to sharing this with you at our end of term Assembly!

In HEALTH and WELLBEING

So far this term we have been looking at our school values and considering how we can demonstrate them in school each day. Each week in assembly we will be giving out a certificate for our 'value of the week' to one pupil in each class. We will share the reason for them receiving the certificate and celebrate the success in assembly.

Later in the term we will learn about the importance of a healthy breakfast and what this might look like.

PLAY

Our pupils have been enjoying being creative in their play. We have been discussing how they are using their imagination and are beginning to think about what they are learning during their play sessions.

We have been enjoying sharing what we have been busy doing in each session and thinking about what their next steps might be. You might want to ask your child to share this with you!

LEARNING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

In P.E we have been playing a lot of cooperative team games working together in pairs, small or larger groups.

In TECHNOLOGY we have been designing and constructing models eg a 3D broomstick out of different materials, using the best ones for the job. A few more challenges still to come!

We have done some cooking – recently using our lovely home grown apples for a scrummy apple crumble. Again more baking/cooking planned in next while.

We have also slowly begun to use the ipads/laptops to support a variety of different curricular areas

In FRENCH we have been revising – and for some learning for the first time – some basic vocabulary – 'hello', 'goodbye', 'thank you', 'I'm here', 'How are you doing?' 'I'm good' and also numbers to ten. Most of this is through games, activity or song.

HOME LEARNING

Reading, spelling and maths are given each week and as well as that, on occasion, learning across the curriculum homework will be given out. Keep an eye on your child's planner or homework sheet!

We thank parents for their support with home learning, this is an important way for you to know what your child is focusing on in school and an opportunity to support their progress.

Any concerns or queries please just get in touch!

And finally...If you have any ideas or suggestions for any of our topics OR you feel you can share / contribute to learning, we'd be delighted to hear from you! We are always looking for parents to share in assembly so please get in touch if you can help with this or suggest someone for us to contact.

Being involved in your child's learning really does make a such a positive difference to them and their experiences at school!

Please pop in to see us, call or email at:

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Thank you,

Mrs Miller and Mrs McNair