

Welcome

Welcome back after the October break. I hope you are well rested and ready for a busy term. This term is always very busy with all the fun activities related to Christmas.

Timetable

P.E - Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child has a gym kit in school for these days. Gym kits will be kept in school and sent home once a month for washing. Please name all items of clothing including trousers, skirts, vests, jumpers and jackets.

Health and Wellbeing - Tuesday with the specialist, Mrs Buchan.

Library - Tuesday. Please make sure your child has their school library book so that they can return it and choose a new one. Thanks.

ICT - Wednesday with the specialist, Mrs Grant.

Homework



Every **Monday**, pupils will be issued phonics and spelling homework, some weeks there will be Maths homework. This should be completed and returned on the **Friday** of that week. Homework each week will be indicated on the homework note. Children may also have additional activities related to what they have been learning in class.

Topic



Primary 1 will be studying '**Seasons**' as their topic this term. The children will be learning about the 4 seasons in the year, the changes they bring and the different types of weather.

Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being

Children will be learning their **phonics** sounds twice a week - Monday and Thursday for the introduction of the new sounds. They will be practising them in class, but help at home with homework is extremely beneficial for your child, and greatly appreciated!

Spelling will also be done in class for the core practise, but help by going over the common words from their tub every night, and in remembering the order of letters in words, is greatly appreciated.

Writing this term will be stimulated by stories we have read in class, children's personal experiences, or stem from aspects of our topic.



Reading this term will be done in class from big books, and be teacher led. We will be following the Emerging Literacy programme to develop reading skills and phonological awareness. As a class, we will be working on rhyme awareness and production. We will also be working on word boundaries and syllables. Find support resources for Emerging Literacy please follow this link: <https://highlandliteracy.com/emerging-literacy/>

Maths this term will begin with revision of numbers 0-10 and will introduce numbers 11-20. They will be learning about 2D and basic 3D shapes. Later in the term we will be looking at addition and subtraction within 10.

For **Health and Wellbeing**, Primary 1 will be covering aspects of substance misuse with Mrs Buchan.



Science, Technology and Social Subjects



Primary 1 will cover **science** and **social studies** related outcomes through our topic of seasons.

Your child will be using **technology** within the classroom i.e. the SMARTboard to play interactive games on, and to watch learning clips, videos and songs on; and be developing skills with the ICT specialist during her time.

Expressive Arts and RME

Art this term will be based around our topic and Christmas.

RME this term will focus on Christmas stories and traditions. They will also learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali.

Home Time

Please make sure there is an adult there for your child when going home. If for any reason the usual arrangement for your child going home changes, please make the school aware by a phonecall, or a note in the home-school book.



Also, if your child is a bus pupil and isn't using the transport for a specific reason i.e. going to a friends to play, hospital appointment etc; then please make sure the **bus driver** **AND** the **school** are made aware! Thanks!

Contact

Please use your home - school book as a communication tool for any questions, queries or changes. I will reply appropriately.