

Mauricewood Primary School



Happy New Year! We hope the children are fresh and ready for a busy term ahead!

Literacy

This term the children will be doing a novel study in class. They will discuss the author's use of language and the effect this has on the reader. Later this term the children will be reading for enjoyment and selecting a range of texts as part of the Mauricewood Reading Challenge. We will be trialling a new approach to imaginative writing using the ideas from 'Talk for Writing'. We have enjoyed hearing the children's Burns poetry recitations.

Numeracy

In Numeracy children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of decimals and percentages and applying their skills to solve problems. Additionally they will be using their numeracy skills to solve basic algebra equations. Children will also be working with time, particularly converting between 12 and 24 hour times. It is important that children continue to practise times tables to aid all numberwork.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum

Inheritance will be the main focus of learning in Science this term, investigating inherited and non-inherited characteristics. Both classes will visit EBSOC at the Bush to do a workshop on DNA. Additionally they will be completing an individual engineering and design project for a national competition, allowing them to showcase their problem solving ability and creativity. P7 will attend Edinburgh College's STEM Experience Day which involves lots of practical activities as well as the chance to work with other P7s from Midlothian schools. The children will be developing skills in creating and presenting in music with Mrs Callaghan.

Health & Wellbeing

Through the Keeping Myself Safe Program, children will be able to identify situations where their Health and Wellbeing is likely to be compromised and have the confidence to make decisions about their personal safety. Mrs McKendrick will be developing athletics skills and techniques for central net games in PE.

Other Information

Upcoming Events

- Family Ceilidh

30th January

- Dolly, DNA and ME Workshop

12th or 13th March

(one class each day)

- STEM Experience Day

4th April

As we enter a busy term, we hope to see the children further develop their self confidence and continue to be responsible citizens in all aspects of school life as they begin to prepare for transition to high school.