

Mauricewood Primary School

Primary 2 Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome to P2's Newsletter for the Spring Term.



Literacy

We have come back to class after our Christmas break with enthusiasm to learn and have started the term with a well-known story, "Tiger that came to Tea." We have learned the story, made story maps and are beginning to work on building good sentences, with greater independence. This text has been presented in Scots Language. We have also been learning Scots Poems. We are expanding our knowledge of phonics and have now begun more formal spelling sessions to build a bank of known common words which will help us in our story writing, reading and in our wider learning.

We are being encouraged to read a wider selection of books, now that our reading skills are getting stronger. The children are reading every day in class, taking their reading skills into cross curricula activities. This has allowed them to see the true value of being able to read well.

We visit the school library every second Friday and will be encouraged to select a book to take home to enjoy with an adult.

Health & Wellbeing

Initially we will explore stories which allow discussion about individual similarities and differences.

Through texts, we will find out about many different Children. We will explore how there are adults in their lives, who care for them and look after them; this includes professional people. The Children will begin to better understand that, who these adults are, can be different for children and that care can be physical and emotional.

Numeracy and Maths

We have been doing some revision of number bonds at the beginning of term and have reminded ourselves of some different strategies which we can use to help us when we are calculating totals. Practicing bonds to 10/20 at home will help your child to build greater confidence in arithmetic.

Our focus in Maths will be measure (length and height). We will be working with practical activities to make this learning fun.

We continue to use a daily calendar and learn the cycle of days, and months linked to events in our school life.

We will explore tessellation and learn how to create patterns with repeating shape.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum

A focus on clay during last term proved popular and the children have asked to extend their learning in this area. We will link this into science studies, recording interesting changes in the garden and using these to inform our art. We will also be exploring how to use pastels to replicate the colours that we see in nature.

Tessellation in Maths, will be explored through art, developing patterns by introducing paint mixing - tones and shades of hot and cold colours.

Other Information

Children should come dressed for P.E. on a Monday and Thursday.

Please provide your child with a full water bottle each day.

Reading Books/keywords should be read, with an adult, each night and returned to school in their book bags every day. Please sign your child's reading record daily.