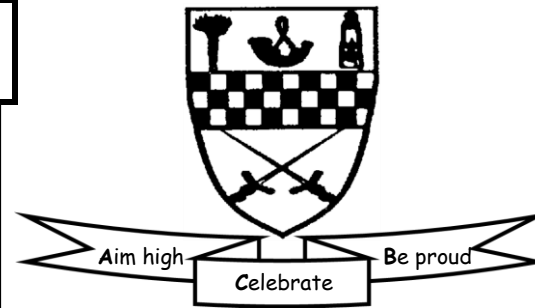


Mauricewood Primary School



Happy New Year to everyone!
We hope you had a lovely festive break.
It has been a busy few weeks back in school and it has been great to see the children settled back into routines. We have outlined below our main learning for this term. We will continue to communicate ongoing information with you through Seesaw.

Literacy

We are currently looking at Scots language through poetry, stories and songs. In P.E. the children will also learn some Scottish Dances. In Reading, we will continue to teach skills linked to fluency, decoding and comprehension during reading group sessions. Please continue to practise at home. We will also be looking at the skills of finding, selecting, sorting and using information from a variety of non-fiction texts. Spelling words will be given out weekly and the pupils should practise spelling these at home. In writing, we will be creating Imaginative Stories based on the text: The Magic Paintbrush. For Functional Writing, we will be designing information posters and leaflets linked to our class topic.

Numeracy and Maths

We will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies (linked to money) and begin to look at division through practical sharing. Fractions will be introduced and the children will learn how to recognise, count and find halves and quarters. In Maths, the children will be working with money. Therefore, naming and recognising coins and notes (up to £10) at home would help reinforce this learning. We will also be exploring time using analogue and digital clocks. When investigating directions, we will use terms such as 'clockwise', 'anti-clockwise', 'full', 'half and quarter turns'. All of the above will involve written work, practical activities, mental strategies, games and ICT. Learning can be reinforced at home through games on Sumdog and the Google Classroom.

Other Areas of the Curriculum

We have been learning lots of skills on our Chromebooks. This term we are going to learn more about Google Documents and Slides, as well as how to use the ReadWrite toolbar (information about how to use this feature at home was previously put on Seesaw). Our topics this term will focus on Global Citizenship and My Home, My Town, My Community, with attention paid to Penicuik land use and its impact. This learning will centre around 'The Lorax' book and the themes it explores regarding environmental issues. We will link this to local and national issues and investigate what we can do to help. In Art, we will be exploring sculpture & printing, where we will model with clay and experiment with different printing techniques. Drama activities will be linked to 'The Lorax'.

Health & Wellbeing

P.E. days - Tuesday and Wednesday (Please send your child in their PE kit). The children will be learning badminton skills with Mrs McKendrick and ball skills with Mr Blain.
RSHP - The P3s will be following the RSHP programme, which will explore different types of families, similarity, diversity and respect, keeping clean and feelings and safety. This ties in with our Building Resilience Programme - Unit 3 Respect Yourself. More information on this programme will be sent out via Seesaw.

Other Information

Our Class Assembly, which will be centred around our topic of Global Citizenship, will be shared with parents and carers on Friday 1st March at 9.15am (a reminder will be put on Seesaw nearer the time).
Music with Mrs O'Connor is on a Friday.

Primary 3 Term 2 Newsletter

Thank you for your ongoing support. As always, if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. Kind regards, Mrs McClelland and Mrs Lee.