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Dear Parent and Carers,

The Christmas holidays feel like a long time ago now but we have enjoyed welcoming learners back after what was a very busy end to the year. There are lots of exciting things happening this term which we are excited to share with you.

Primary 2 – Term 3

We are learning:			
Health and Wellbeing We will continue to follow our building resilience programme, with specific focus on “Get Active” This term we will be looking at healthy eating and staying active. This links nicely to our focus on the wellbeing indicators “Safe”, “Active” and “Healthy” We will be learning skills within Gymnastics such as rolls and balances during P.E. We have also been learning ‘Dashing White Sergeant’ and ‘Strip the Willow’ within Scottish Country Dancing.	Literacy Our Read, Write, Inc. programme helps us to develop our sounds that are then applied in spelling and reading lessons. Through our weekly writing lessons we will be continuing to explore the different functions of writing with a focus on writing poetry and learning how to read recipes and create some of our own . We will have regular opportunities for focused listening and talking such as sharing our thoughts and ideas during class discussions.	Numeracy and Mathematics In term 3 we will develop our understanding of place value and will consolidate our speedy recall of basic maths facts. In multiplication and division we will look at building arrays and show how we can visually represent this. Within maths, we are exploring how to collect and visually represent information by looking at a range of graphs and tables. We will use our Enterprise topic to explore money, focussing on recognising coins and notes and exploring coin combinations to create different totals.	
Ethos and Wider Life of the School As part of the wider life of the school we will celebrate achievements through Star Learner awards and Good News notes; develop an awareness of our Rights and participate in Wider Curriculum activities. P2 are leading the ‘Community Explorers’ group and are beginning to make links with the local community.			Opportunities for Wider Achievement We love to be informed about achievements out-with school. Please send in any medals or certificates with learners to show and celebrate with their peers. We will be running a number of Extra Curricular clubs after school and lunchtime learning opportunities throughout the year. More information to follow shortly.
Learning across the Curriculum In Term 3 our context for learning will be “ Scottish Food ”. We will be investigating the different types of agriculture in Scotland, exploring the different		Discrete Subjects We will be focusing on understanding how to be healthy, looking at the importance of sleep, staying active and food. In music we will use instruments and our voices to follow a beat and create music.	

types of scottish foods and having a go at following recipes to create some scottish foods.

Our learners have expressed an interest in linking with the local Community Garden and are very excited at the prospect of growing their own fruit and veg. We will then have an Enterprise event towards the end of term 3 and a further one towards the end of term 4 (date TBC) where there will be an opportunity to sample some of the produce and recipes that the classes have been creating! This will be in order to raise funds for a local cause.

We will also use simple programmes on the i-Pad, and will develop our skills on Seesaw in order to support our learning.

Key Dates

02.02.24 - NSPCC Numbers day

05.02.24 - Children's Mental Health Week

12.02.24 – School Holiday (February Holiday)

19.02.24 – School Returns

08.03..24 - World Book Day

20. 03.24 –Parents Evening

21.03.24 – Parents Evening

22.03.24 - Achievement Assembly

28.03.24 - End of Term