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Dear Parent and Carers,

We wish you a very happy New Year and we hope that you had a lovely break with friends and family. We are looking forward to all of the exciting learning opportunities ahead. It will be a busy term!

### Primary 3– Term 3

<b>We are learning:</b>		
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>We will continue to follow our building resilience programme, with specific focus on “Get Active”</p> <p>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”</p> <p>We will be learning skills within Gymnastics such as rolls and balances during P.E and exploring different racquet games.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>We will continue to work on letter formation with regular handwriting.</p> <p>During writing we will be developing skills in Poetry, with a focus on Scottish poems and creating a “Wishing story” for Talk for Writing.</p> <p>Our Scottish Poetry competition gives us a great opportunity to work on our presentation skills. Linked to our topic work, we will be exploring non-fiction texts and learning how to read and navigate non-fiction books.</p>	<p><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>Within numeracy we will continue to strengthen our addition and subtraction methods, our understanding of place value and number word sequences.</p> <p>This term we will focus on multiplication and division and how these link to fractions.</p> <p>During money, we will focus on recognising coins and notes and exploring coin combinations to create different totals.</p> <p>We will also develop our skills when reading, writing and showing digital and analogue times.</p>
<p><b>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</b></p> <p>We have another block of Wider Curriculum coming up in this term. P3R will be leading Children’s Mental Health week alongside P5M as the HWB Heroes. P3K are planning to visit classes for Digital Support during this term as part of their Digital Leaders Pupil Voice group.</p>		<p><b>Opportunities for Wider Achievement</b></p> <p>At Newtongrange Primary we love to celebrate our learners' achievements inside and outside of school. We have been looking at ways to record celebrations and are trialling using a class 'Wider Achievements' Jamboard. The class Jamboard can be found in your child's Google Classroom. This term, we will be encouraging all learners to add to their page through dated post it notes and photographs. We would welcome you adding to the jamboard too. Your child should be able to show you how to access these but if you need any support do not hesitate to get in contact.</p>

### **Learning across the Curriculum**

In Term 3, our contexts for learning will be "Scotland" and "Space"

The learners have already shared what they would like to learn within Scotland and there will be a focus on Scottish culture involving food, Scottish slang, artists and landmarks. We will be sharing our learning at our Assembly on Thursday 22nd in the afternoon. Invites to follow.

We will involve the children in asking what they would like to learn about for our Space topic as well as following our Experience and Outcomes.

### **Discrete Subjects**

This term we will explore Christianity and the Easter story. We will continue to develop our Chromebook skills, using different applications to support us. P3 are very lucky to have Drumming for Excellence sessions this term, where the learners will have the opportunity to create music using different musical instruments.

### **Key Dates**

**26<sup>th</sup> January** – Scotland Poem Competition  
**2<sup>nd</sup> February** - NSPCC Numbers Day  
**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Children’s Mental Health Week  
**12<sup>th</sup> February** - February Week  
**19<sup>th</sup> February** - School Returns  
**8<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Space Workshop  
**22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Scotland Sharing Assembly  
**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> March** – Parents Consultations  
**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Achievement Assembly  
**28<sup>th</sup> March** - End of Term