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Our Ref:



Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely October break and we can't believe we are already into Term 2 of our learning. Below we have shared an outline of the learning in your child's class, helping us to work together to achieve the best for our children.

Primary 2– Term 2**We are learning:****Health and Well Being**

We will continue to follow our building resilience programme, with a specific focus on 'Talk things over'. In addition to this we will be exploring the Wellbeing indicators of 'Safe' and 'Healthy'. We will focus on our school values of 'Kind' and 'Respectful'.

Within PE we will be focusing on physical competencies, cognitive skills and physical fitness. We will have a focus on Dance, linking to Scottish Country Dancing.

Literacy

We are continuing with our Read, Write, Inc. programme which helps us to develop our sounds that are then applied in spelling and reading lessons. Through our weekly writing lessons we will explore the different functions of writing with a focus on letter writing and story writing. We will also have regular opportunities for focused listening and talking and have the opportunity to share and discuss an item special to us.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Within numeracy we will focus on being able:
 To learn to use a variety of addition and subtraction strategies.
 To understand place value and number structures.
 To explore number word sequences and numerals.
 To explore fractions of shapes and numbers.
 To explore multiplication and division through arrays and sharing equally.
 We will also explore 3D shapes and their properties, and symmetry.

Ethos and Wider Life of the School

This term we are lucky enough to be visited by the Rookie Rockstars as a part of Anti-bullying Week. There will be more information on this to follow but it is shaping up to be a very fun week.

P2 have also joined the Community Explorers Pupil Voice group and will be working on projects linking to our local community.

**Opportunities for Wider Achievement**

We have loved hearing about your achievements outside of school. Please continue to send in any medals or certificates with learners to show to their peers.

We will be running a number of Extra Curricular clubs after school and lunchtime learning opportunities throughout the year such as Construction club.

Learning across the Curriculum

In Term 2, our context for learning will be "Dungeons and Dragons". Each week we will explore a new fairytale and complete a variety of challenges set by the friendly dragon from 'Fairyland'. This term the learners will also be introduced to "Meta Skills" which will support them to discuss their learning through play.

Discrete Subjects

This term we will continue to develop our digital literacy skills using our ipads, where we will be focussing on how to keep safe online. In RME we will be learning about the celebration of Diwali and how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Within Art, we will be exploring a number of different famous artists and use their art work as a stimulus within our art area.

Key Dates

8th & 9th November - Parents consultations
 13th - 17th November Anti Bullying week & Book Week Scotland
 13th - 17th November - Rookie Rockstars
 17th November - Children in Need - Dress down / pyjama day

8th December – Wider Curriculum
 22nd December – Christmas Break Starts (normal school finish)
 *Christmas Dates will follow in a Christmas Countdown Calendar

17th November - 11.15 - 12.00 P1-3 Book Bug / Read

Write Count Bags

22nd November Rookie Rockstars Concert - more
information to follow

23rd November- Class Assembly