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Dear Parent and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a super Christmas holiday and we can't believe we are already into Term 3 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 4 – Term 3**

<b>We are learning:</b>										
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b></p> <p>We will have a particular focus on Getting Active to boost our mood and self-confidence. We will be covering a variety of topics regarding this during "Children's Mental Health Week".</p> <p>Swimming lessons will continue until the middle of March.</p> <p>In PE, with Mrs Thom, P4 will be experimenting with different balances, shapes and movements in Gymnastics.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>In writing, we are working on Personal Recounts to work on chronological order and expressing opinions and feelings. For Instructions we will focus on Time order words and making each step clear. Additionally, we will continue to develop our descriptive language for Imaginative Stories.</p> <p>During reading, we are learning a variety of techniques to improve our enjoyment and understanding of texts, for example, Visualising and Summarising.</p> <p>We will also be working on our communication skills when reciting our Scots poem in class and developing social skills in small group discussions.</p>	<p><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b></p> <p>This term we will experience a range of active numeracy experiences to explore the following topics: Place Value Number Sequences Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division Fractions, percentages and decimals</p> <p>Our maths topics this term are Angles and Money, with revision of previous Maths topics, for example, Time and Shape.</p>								
<p><b>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</b></p> <p>Wider Curriculum classes will continue to run in term 3. The sessions range from rugby, Scottish art and craft, Drama, Board Game Building and gardening.</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>								
<p><b>Learning across the Curriculum</b></p> <p>In Term 3, our class's main topic will be Our Local Area. This will give the class an opportunity to explore the geography, local community groups and interesting features of their local town.</p>										
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