

P3/4 Newsletter

Term 3

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to Term 3.

Term 3 Timetable:

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| Monday | P.E with Miss Bruce (please ensure kits are at school) |
| Tuesday | Orange and Green Groups go to Library. |
| Wednesday | Red, Yellow and Purple Groups go to Library. |
| Thursday | |
| Friday | Music with Mrs O'Gallagher |

Homework will be handed out on Monday and due back in on Friday. Homework will include spelling, numeracy and sometimes a topic task. Please ensure homework is signed every week.

Reading will be sent home on different days depending on the group. Please ensure reading records are signed after hearing reading at home. All groups are asked to make sure they have their reading book with them every day to support reading comprehension tasks in class.

This term in Maths we will be starting by exploring 3D shapes.

We will be naming the properties that make up a range of 3D shapes using the correct vocabulary; edges, faces and vertices. We will be building 3D shapes using the correct 2D shapes.

We will continue to develop our mental maths skills for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The class will complete a Big Maths assessment every week so they can try to beat their highest score. The children have 90 seconds to answer as many questions as they can.

We will be using Education City and Hit the Button to support and consolidate the learning.

Reading – Children will have reading 3 times a week. Each group will be set different reading comprehension tasks. These may include, character profiles, creating or answering questions and book reviews. The children also have opportunities throughout the week to read for enjoyment.

Spelling – In class we will be working on different phonemes for our spelling words. We will be using Nelson spelling as our core resource. Spelling games will be set on Education City along with spelling board games.

Writing – Our writing this term will be closely linked to our topic work. We have already created Haiku poems about the river. We will continue to complete VCOP activities focussing on punctuation and using connectives.

Our topic this term is Rivers. We will be finding out how rivers are formed, the different parts of the rivers and the job they have. We will be finding out about rivers in Scotland and then moving on to research different rivers around the world.

We will be looking at the wildlife, plants and animals that live in and near the rivers in Scotland and comparing these to living things in and near rivers around the world.

We will also be looking at how the rivers are used; for work, travel and hobbies.

We will be carrying out some experiments to show how water flows and demonstrating the water cycle. Learning will be hands on.