

Ms MacPhee and Mrs MacDonald

Primary 1 Literacy

Spelling/Phonics

Primary 1s are beginning to learn their initial letter sounds through Jolly Phonics. We will be practising jolly phonics songs, learning actions and Geraldine Giraffe will be helping us to learn. We will begin learning our bronze common words as well to help us with spelling and reading.

Reading

Daily story, song and rhyme time, library books. Guided reading and various reading and comprehension activities, fiction and non-fiction texts.

Talking and Listening

Listening to and following instructions, listening to and sharing news, listening to and discussing stories and information. Asking and answering questions.

Mark Making

The children will be given lots of opportunities to make marks using a range of materials and practise their fine motor skills for writing and drawing.

Primary 2 Literacy

Reading

P2 have core reading every day. Daily story, song and rhyme time, library books. Guided reading and various reading and comprehension activities, fiction and non-fiction texts.

Talking and Listening

Listening to and following instructions, listening to and sharing news, listening to and discussing stories and information. Asking and answering questions.

Writing/Spelling/Phonics

We will continue to consolidate our knowledge of our P1 phonics and learn our Primary 2 sounds. We will have a big focus on our common words, both spelling and reading them.

In writing, we will be developing our skills through imaginative and personal writing topics. We will be practising blending 3 and 4 letter words together. We will also be doing our 'slow motion spelling' to help us hear all the letter sounds in words.

Maths Primary 1

In Primary 1 we will be developing lots of different maths and numeracy skills. We will be learning...

- To count forwards and backwards to 30.
- Read the symbols for numbers up to 20.
- Identify the value of numbers up to 20.
- Add and subtract numbers up to 10.
- Identify, continue and create simple patterns with colours, shapes and numbers.
- Identifies one line of symmetry in pictures and shapes.
- Order the days of the week and months.
- Identify patterns in the seasons.
- Use a number line.
- Identify different coins up to value of £1.
- Identify 2D and 3D shape.
- Collect, organise and display objects for data handling.
- Sort objects by criteria i.e. colour, shape and size.

Maths Primary 2

In Primary 2 we will be continuing to develop and improve our maths and numeracy skills. We will be ...

- Learning and practicing number bonds to 10/20.
- Improving skills in addition
- Improving skills in subtraction.
- Practising using different coins
- Learning to recognise 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p and £1 coins.
- Learning about money through enterprise topic in Term 2.
- Learning names of 2D and 3D shapes
- Learning properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Learning about pattern
- Learning about symmetry in pictures and shapes.
- Practising skip counting in 10s and 2s
- Practising addition and subtraction skills with larger numbers.

Health

We will have P.E. on Monday mornings and Friday mornings. Pupils do not need a change of clothes for P.E. In P.E., we will be developing our resilience, teamwork skills, communication skills, and listening and following instructions. We will be doing this through lots of team games activities.

Wellbeing

We will be learning about our emotions and strategies that can help us through circle time activities. We will also be learning about and celebrating how different we all are. In term 2 we will be learning some Decider skills. We will focus on Values, Respect, Crystal Clear and Reflect while also continuing to revisit Decider skills we have already learnt and trying to use them regularly. During our Health and Wellbeing sessions we will also continue to learn about the wellbeing indicators; Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Achieving, Respected, Responsible and Included. We will be learning about these through our Sunshine over Avoch. We will also be participating in our weekly Kindness Circle to help us learn about being a good friend. We will be developing our social skills through play and games.

Citizenship and Topic

This year, our citizenship group will be SNAG- School Nutrition Action Group. We will be learning about eating healthily and keeping our bodies and minds healthy. We will be encouraging others across the school to eat healthy as well and keeping an eye on their success!

Our topic will be based on the book 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We will be learning about how everyone is different and the great things about being different. We will do our expressive arts and STEM activities through this topic.

The infant department are also planning a nativity which you will receive more information on in term 2.

How can you help at home?

Literacy- READ, READ, READ! Reading and **enjoying** many stories together will help your child develop their literacy skills. Sounding out words they do not know and having a go at spelling words when writing. When reading with your child, encourage them to make predictions on what might happen next in the story or make up their own endings. Ask them to retell the story in the order of how the events occurred. Ask pupils what letter sounds they have learnt that week. Can they teach their grown up the action and the song for that letter sound?

Maths- Lots of counting! Asking your child to help in the kitchen is a great way to practice different maths skills at home. Explore measure and fractions through baking and cooking! Can your child help you measure some flour? Can they share some fruit out into equal groups? Time is also a really important maths topic that children can learn a lot about at home. Talk to your child about time, give them a certain amount of time to complete a task, show your child the clock and say what time it is when doing daily activities such as getting up, eating breakfast, eating dinner etc. Practising for quick recall of number bonds to 10 and 20 will help children develop their addition and subtraction skills. Try having a quick fire round and asking your child to tell you the number partner for each number to 10/20. For example 6.... 4, 37 etc.

Health and Wellbeing- Talk about the wellbeing indicators at home with your child by looking at your Sunshine over Avoch magnet, can they remember what the different words mean? Ask your child about the decider skills they have learnt- can they teach you each skill?

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Home-School diary or e-mail.

Thank you!
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