



NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to an exciting first term in Mrs Neill's P3 class! I am delighted to be your child's teacher this year. We have lots of exciting learning ahead, and I'm looking forward to working with you to support your child's journey. We've had a fantastic start to the school year and are eager to share some highlights and upcoming events with you.

Classroom Highlights

Learning Adventures:

This term, we will be learning about electricity by building simple circuits that include bulbs, switches and batteries. Through hands-on investigations, the children will develop a deeper understanding of how electrical components work together.

In addition, we will be exploring the South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) Skills Framework, developing a foundational understanding of key skills needed to perform tasks, learn new skills, and begin thinking about future careers. This will support the development of important life and employability skills. The children have taken ownership of their learning by choosing to investigate The World and decided on exploring countries, cultures, food, language currency etc.

Literacy

In your child's homework jotter, you will find a list of the planned phonemes and common words we will be consolidating this term.

Our writing focus will be on developing descriptive language through narrative writing. To support this, it is imperative that children read every evening.

To help guide your reading sessions at home, a reading prompt sheet has been included in their homework jotter. This can be used to support discussion and encourage quality questioning with your child.

Numeracy

This term, we will be focusing on developing estimation, rounding, number and number processes to support number sense and problem-solving.

- Children will learn to round whole numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, using this skill routinely to estimate and check the reasonableness of answers.
- We will be practising how to read, write, order, and recite whole numbers up to 1000, starting from any number in the sequence.
- Pupils will also be learning to identify the value of each digit in a 2- or 3-digit number. For example:
 $867 = 800 + 60 + 7$
- Please continue to support your child by practising counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, 10s, and 100s at home.

Homework

- Homework will be handed out every Monday and should be returned by Thursday.
- Reading books should be read each night and returned in the homework bag on Thursday.
- For the first 5 weeks, we'll be consolidating previously learned phonemes and introducing new common words. Please practise these nightly.
- Google Classroom login details are on your child's homework bag. I'll post some useful links there each week.
- Nessy and IDL login details are also on the homework bag. Please try to access these daily for extra practise.

Reminder

It is extremely beneficial for your child to reinforce and consolidate their classroom learning at home.

Thank you in advance for supporting your child's learning journey.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through the school office. I'm always happy to help!