## Welcome to P3!

Term 3 in Primary 3 we will be learning...

## Literacy

In Literacy, this term our focus will be on our spelling and apply our phonic knowledge to spelling words that are challenging to us. In Writing, up until the Summer we have planned to undertake writing instructions and newspaper reporting to allow us to express in writing the things we have researched in our IDL topic - Biodiversity - the Life Cycle of Bees. In the second part of the term, we will use our imaginations to create stories about characters and animals that we have learned and the settings that they live in.

In grammar we will be focusing on nouns, adjectives and verbs and using connectives to construct fuller and linked ideas in our sentences.

We will also work hard on our handwriting, and we will practice using our cursive handwriting skills.

Reading in class will continue and we will be using our listening and talking skills to discuss as a class and individually the books that we have read.

# School's Vision, Aims and Values

Throughout the term a key focus for the class will be to follow and reflect on the school's aims and values. The children and wider school community have devised and supported our vision, aims and values and we will be looking at them in depth in assemblies and in the classroom.







#### Maths & Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will be working hard to increase our confidence and understanding when working with numbers. We have started revising our prior learning and following our Mental Agility Progression Rainbow, we are focusing on number recognition and number sequencing.

We will continue to use the SEAL program (Stages of Early Arithmetic Learning) to help us consolidate our learning and number processing and the children, through leading their learning, have asked to revisit the four functions - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In non number we will be covering measure: length, volume and weight. We will also look at maths in nature through our diversity topic and use data handling to produce information for the project.



## **Topic**

The children have planned their topic for term 3 and they wish to learn more about Biodiversity and will look at the life cycles of animals and insects following on from their science topic about growing plants from seeds. They have planned to research and study the Life Cycle of Bees and their importance to our world.

They will link their topic and through writing and research produce posters and newspaper articles about the bees. We will also use the topic to look at maths in nature, allowing us to be outdoors for a hands on experience of biodiversity in our playground and surrounding area.

## Health & Wellbeing



Our Building Resilience Programme this term will focus on 'Keep Connected' and this will link with us looking at our community links in and outside of school. This will link to our Class Charter and the Rights of the Child which we will continue to apply and understand in the school and classroom.

In other areas of Health and Wellbeing, this term we will look at life cycle, friendships and personal hygiene. We will continue looking at the outcomes of our Relationship, Health Sexual and Parent

#### Excursions and Outdoor learning

We will be taking every opportunity to take our learning outside. We will be team building and working co-operatively through games and challenges using our maths and literacy learning. We will also be looking at the world around us linking to our topic.

We will be making use of the local library and visiting it regularly to return and borrow books that can support our topic. We are also hoping to make more regular visits to the Royal Park to link to our topic of Biodiversity - Life Cyle of Bees.

#### Things to remember

Mrs Peoples will be teaching Music on Monday.

Please remember a water bottle in this warm weather.

#### P.E.



P.E. lessons will take place on Monday with Mrs Leslie and Friday with Mrs Lambert. Please ensure that a PE kit is in school for these days.

On the Monday, Mrs Leslie will teach the PE sessions which will be a follow up and reinforcement from the lessons that have taken place with Mrs Lambert on a Friday. We will be actively taking these sessions outside in the good weather and we will be practicing our skills for Sports Day.

#### Reminders and Notifications

- It is important that every pupil has a P.E. kit.
- Any change of t-shirt and shorts / tracksuit bottoms / leggings is suitable. The only requirement is that no football tops are worn. We would appreciate parents / carers support in this
- PE kits will remain in school and sent home for cleaning at end of each term.
- Please remember a pair of indoor shoes, these can also be used as PE shoes.
- Please bring a named water bottle into school every day.
  - Please name all clothing.

#### How can you help at home?

- Research our topics to share learning
- Share a book together regularly and talk about what you have read.
- Read a range of different types of books as often as you can to expand vocabulary and understanding of different types of text.
- Apply skills learnt in class to everyday activities e.g. by counting, using money and talking about news and events.

## Questions...?

Should you have any worries, questions or concerns, please feel free to come and see me (at the end of the school day is usually the best time or contact the office to make an appointment,

(<u>admin@royalmile.edin.sch.uk</u>) Kind regards Mrs Leslie