



Aim high

Celebrate success

Be proud

Happy New Year! This term we have lots of interesting activities planned for the children. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries.

Literacy

This term we will continue to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Our focus will be on applying known phonics to decode unfamiliar words, as well as predicting what will happen next in the story.

In writing we will be creating story maps and writing our own journey stories based on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. This will build on the skills we are learning as part of Talk for Writing.

Early in the term we will look at some Scots' poetry and explore Scots words we know and use. The children will also share their favourite books with their classmates.

Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy we will be working with numbers to 100, ordering, sequencing and extending our knowledge of odd and even numbers. We will look at different methods for addition and subtraction, using both concrete materials and mental strategies. As the term progresses we will look at fractions, including halves and quarters of shapes.

Numeracy homework will be issued every fortnight and will consist of a short, written task. Extra games will be sent home to supplement the Numeracy packs we issued last term. We will also take part in the Midlothian Sumdog competition which runs between March 8th and 14th.

Learning Across The Curriculum

This term we will be finding out about Scotland. The children will have the opportunity to use maps, learn about famous Scottish artists and find out about the story of Greyfriar's Bobby. Later in the term we will turn our attention to the weather and use a range of instruments to record weather conditions and find out about the ways that weather affects our lives.

Health & Wellbeing

In P.E. the children are practising Scottish dancing and will join with their buddies to share their learning.

As part of the schoolwide health and wellbeing program we will be looking at changes which happen in our lives and how negative thinking can hold us back.

- Over the last few weeks we have had lots of unclaimed items of clothing left in the classroom. Could you please ensure your child's name is written on all labels? This helps us to reunite lost clothes with their owners!
- If you haven't already, please follow Mauricewood Primary School on Twitter. We regularly share photos of what we have been doing in class using the #MPS_P2BG .