

Mauricewood Primary School



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Welcome to Primary 2's Newsletter for the Spring Term.

Primary 2B Term 3 Newsletter

Literacy

We have come back to class after our Christmas break with enthusiasm to learn and have started the term with a Scottish story, "The Three Heilan Coos." We will learn the story, make story maps and continue to work on building good sentences, with greater independence. We will also be learning a poem, and songs in Scots language. We are expanding our knowledge of phonics, working hard to remember digraph sounds when reading and writing words. We will continue to learn and reinforce common or 'tricky' words which will help us in reading and story writing. We would appreciate your support in practising these daily at home.

We are being encouraged to read a wider selection of books, to further develop reading skills. We are reading every day in class, taking our reading skills into cross curricula activities. We visit the school library every second Friday and will be encouraged to select a book to take home to enjoy with an adult.

Health & Wellbeing

We will be joining in with Scottish Dancing during P.E. sessions at the beginning of term.

As we approach spring we will learn about what is needed for growth and development of animals, plants and humans. A link to these lessons can be found here: ("to begin" section)

<https://rshp.scot/first-level/>

Mauricewood is following the "Building Resilience programme". This term our focus will be "Keeping Connected". We are learning about the importance of having caring relationships and thinking about the special people in our lives.

Numeracy and Maths

We are revising of number bonds and doubles and have reminded ourselves of some different strategies which we can use to help us when we are calculating totals such as holding a number in our head and counting on and using doubles as a starting point for near doubles. Practicing bonds to 10/20 at home will help your child to build greater confidence in arithmetic.

Our focus in Maths will be measure. We will be working with practical activities to make this learning fun.

We continue to use a daily calendar and learn the cycle of days, and months linked to events in our school life.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum

We will link our ICT work with science studies, recording interesting changes in the garden and using this to inform art sessions.

Tessellation in Maths, will be explored through art, developing patterns by introducing paint mixing - tones and shades of hot and cold colours.

Within Expressive Arts, we will explore the visual elements of line, shape, form, and colour, touching on the work of the Scottish artist Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

Other Information

P.E. with Mrs McKendrick will be on a Tuesday this term.

Please provide your child with a full water bottle each day.

Reading books will continue to be issued home on a Monday and should be returned to school **every Friday** to ensure book bags are ready for the following week. Children should be encouraged to read at home as often as possible and revise keywords with an adult – just 5 minutes a night can make a difference!