

Mauricewood Primary School



Welcome back to a new term at Mauricewood. We wish you a very happy New Year and hope you have all had a lovely break over the holidays. The children have come back to school full of energy and ready to learn. They have already shared lots of fantastic ideas about their learning and we are looking forward to a busy term! We have welcomed BEd 3 student Miss Maria Lennie to our class and she is enjoying getting to know the children.

Literacy

This term we have started with a block of work focussing on Scots language - children have enjoyed creating and describing their own villain characters as well as learning new poems and songs. We will move on to work on narrative story writing, instructions and play scripts. In reading children will continue to receive weekly reading homework. Our focus this term will be tools for reading, reading for information and fact and opinion. We are exploring lots of books, texts and newspaper articles linking to our topic. We have also started a new spelling program which children are enjoying and responding well to. Spelling words will continue to be added to the Google Classroom Classwork section should any children wish to practise them further at home.

Numeracy

Each week children will work with different strategies for addition and subtraction, number sequences and multiplication and division through weekly mental maths, Daily 5 and games. We have started a new measure block which children are enjoying - we will apply our learning with a block of cooking/baking and perimeter and area challenges. We will also continue to focus on fractions - particularly fractions on an amount which links closely to division strategies.

Our maths topics this term are time and angle/symmetry. Children will work on telling the time as well as durations, time tables and the 24 hour clock.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

Each week in class we strive to include pupil voice in our daily teaching and learning. Whilst looking at Scottish castles, a discussion around William Wallace and Robert the Bruce began. As a class, the children decided they would like to explore the Scottish Wars of Independence. Our skills will focus on historical time lines and comparing life then and now. We can make great links to our reading for information in literacy. We will then we will move on to a Charities topic, looking at both global and local charities which will also link to our UNCRC articles.

In drama, we will be working with techniques such as mime, role play and thought tapping - children have also expressed an interest in creating their own short role plays and play scripts. Children will continue building their confidence in French focussing on basic conversations, greetings and days of the week.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be starting our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) block. Please check the school app for further information on this and please do let me know if you have any queries or questions. Since the beginning of this year we have been working on a whole school program called Building Resilience, promoting strategies to help children cope with situations challenging to them. Children will shortly be sent home with short homework tasks linked to the blocks in school for you to support your children with.

In PE children will work through blocks of dance, gymnastics and hockey.

Other Information

This term PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursday.

From next week, homework will given out every Wednesday and due in the following Monday, allowing children to complete tasks during the week or at the weekend. Every month children will be given the opportunity to bring their Chromebook home to complete a homework task - more information to follow.

A Maths Games folder has also been added to the Google Classroom with popular maths games and links, if anyone is looking for some extra practice!

Thank you for your continuing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to give us a call!