



Happy New Year! Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Lot are looking forward to a term full of successful learning experiences for everyone in P2.

Weekly Timetable

Tuesday: Science & PE  
 Wednesday: Science & Daily Mile  
 Thursday: P.E & Drama/Music



Curricular areas not listed above will be tackled during our topic work throughout the week.

Being Prepared

Children continue to require:

- Indoor shoes
- Gym kit
- Art apron
- Suitable outdoor clothing



Please ensure they are all named.

Literacy

Our term 2 visit to Newmachar library went down well. Sue, the librarian, was very impressed with the children's general knowledge of how the library works. Sue is keen to see every child in New Machar Primary school with a library card so feel free to pop in past if you haven't already done so. We will be returning to the library this term to learn how the library website can help with homework assignments. We will keep you updated.

We continue to consolidate the use of capital letters and full stops and will be focussing on writing in sentences and extending our writing this term.

We will look at Dictionary Skills this term. If your child has a dictionary at home, encourage them to use it to find the meaning /spelling of words.

Time spent on guided reading tasks continues to be one of our favourite ways to spend time with the children. The books we use create a wealth of discussion and learning but we thought the children might like to share favourite books with us from home. This is something we would like to do later in the term.



Scotland



Our learning context this term is Scotland. To be as meaningful as possible we have been exploring what the children already know about Scotland. It would be helpful if you could remind them of holidays or day trips to Scottish places and landmarks, feel free to send in photo's or fliers/leaflets from these excursions. A display of where we have all travelled in Scotland would be useful to our learning.

How we proceed with our theme will very much depend on the direction our learning conversations take us. We will keep you posted.

Maths

Last term we learnt how to tell the time using o'clock and half past. This term we will calculate durations of time (using hours & half hour intervals).

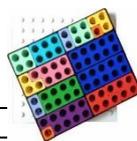
We will continue our work on money, focussing on giving the correct change. Have a go at playing shops at home, children love using real money.

This term we will be measuring, starting with length. This inevitably will have us comparing our heights, a popular activity that often has the children on their tip toes!

Circles: Addition and Subtraction to 20 and beyond encouraging quick mental recall.

Squares: Continue working on manipulating numbers to 100. We will then move onto Addition and Subtraction to 20.

Triangles: Addition to 20 using resources, such as number lines, cubes and numicon.



Thank you to everyone who has been able to help out with our class trips and classroom activities. We appreciate the time you have given up to help us. Term 3 and term 4 are bound to turn up more such opportunities to be involved.

Fou's yer dous?

We hope your Doric/Scots poems are going well. We are looking forward to hearing everyone's efforts.



Homework

Homework continues to go out on a Friday and collected in the following Thursday. Spelling test and Maths 'Beat That' timing sheets will continue every week. Spelling test continues on Thursdays this term. On occasion there may be some topic homework or a maths sheet.