



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Spring break and are enjoying the lighter nights and some warmer weather. Below we have outlined what Primary 3 will be learning this term.

Literacy and English	Numeracy and Mathematics
<p><b>Reading:</b> Within their reading groups, children will be learning to develop fluency and confidence when reading aloud. They will be encouraged to use known letter sounds and patterns and to split up unfamiliar words. We will focus on using punctuation to read with expression and meaning and will learn to understand how paragraphs are used and why. In addition we will explore questioning – asking and answering different questions about a text and will continue to read common words. We will explore non-fiction books, learn about their layout and how to access information from them.</p> <p><b>Genre Reading: Setting the Scene</b> When reading as a class, we will learn to highlight key words in a text, discuss key ideas and tell others about details we have learned. Children will be encouraged to read for enjoyment and to review stories, focusing on what they have liked/disliked about them. We will be learning about inference – drawing conclusions from a story which are not explicitly stated within the text.</p> <p><b>Writing:</b> We will focus on setting the scene of a story- looking at where, when and why, details of time and place whilst using powerful vocabulary to engage the reader. We will plan writing by using flow charts. We will also learn how to write instructions through sequencing, using present tense and understanding audience and purpose. We will continue to work on using basic punctuation with increased accuracy.</p> <p><b>Spelling</b> We will learn about; suffixes – ful, -less, -ness, -ment, homophones, silent k, b, common words, using known sounds when spelling unfamiliar words, alphabetical order and dictionary work, including using index pages.</p> <p><b>Listening and Talking</b> Children will use notes to give a presentation to the class and will be encouraged to provide relevant feedback to others.</p> <p><i>**Word lists are attached for those who wish to have more practice at home. Your child will know their group colour.**</i></p>	<p><b>Number:</b> This term we will be learning about money. Children will learn to recognise coins and notes to £20, make amounts using different coins, convert pounds to pence, add amounts and calculate change from £1.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> We will learn about 3D shapes, making nets and classifying shapes based on their properties. In addition, we will be exploring angles and direction. Children will learn to create, record and give and follow directions including full, half and quarter turns clockwise and anticlockwise and left and right. We will look at compass points, grid references, finding right angles and symmetry.</p> <p><b>Learning Across the Curriculum</b> In health and wellbeing, the children will learn about hygiene and cleanliness; germs, common diseases and the importance of handwashing. We will also learn about healthy eating, food journeys, Fair Trade, and food advertising.</p> <p>This term we will be learning about Celtic people and we will explore their housing, diet, lifestyle and employment. Within this topic, we will learn about Celtic designs and will design and build model roundhouses.</p> <p><b>Digital Learning</b> Our focus will be on symmetry, compass points and programming directions.</p> <p><b>This term, the whole school will be celebrating Learning for Sustainability week. We will be exploring climate change, equalities, children's rights and global citizenship.</b></p>
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<p><b>PE</b> with Mr Murray is on Wednesdays and Fridays for <b>both</b> classes. Children must wear trainers or gym shoes and suitable clothing i.e. not shirts, dresses or skirts. PE will be outside and inside this term.</p> <p><b>Outdoor Learning</b> is on Thursdays. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared: wellies and waterproofs are highly recommended. Children should bring a waterproof coat EVERY day.</p> <p><b>Home learning</b> has ideas linked to learning in class that children may wish to try at home. There will be no assigned weekly homework. We encourage children to read every day at home and for adults to read to their children too.</p>	

NB Children should not bring in things from home unless it is needed for after school or an arranged 'Show and Tell' – this prevents damage, distraction and loss. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BRING FOOTBALL CARDS INTO SCHOOL. Thank you for your help with this. If you have any queries or need to inform us of a change at home, please catch us after school or email at [admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk)  
For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below.  
<https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v>



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