

# Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High

## Literacy

### Reading

RWI reading groups will continue until the summer holidays and the majority of children will continue to have the previous week's book sent home for additional practice on a Tuesday. Books will be collected back in on a Thursday.

### Writing

We will be revisiting poetry and creative writing this term, using our castles and knights topic as a stimulus. We will also explore and create posters.

Weekly focussed handwriting lessons will also continue. These focus on letter formation, letter sizing and developing a greater awareness of where different letters sit on the writing line.

### Listening and Talking

Weekly circle time sessions will continue, which provide the children with the chance to discuss a range of topics. We will also have 1 more show and tell session before the holidays, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

## Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy we are continuing to develop our understanding of numbers to 100 and are revisiting subtraction, developing skills and strategies for solving more challenging questions.

We will be beginning to explore multiplication and division, making links to the work we have already done this year on fractions and number doubles.

In maths lessons we will be exploring 2d and 3d shapes. This will include naming a range of 2d and 3d shapes and exploring and talking about their properties using language such as faces, sides, corners and edges.

We will also be learning about money, with a focus on identifying coins and notes up to £5, using the £ and p sign, calculating change from 20p and calculating totals and different ways of making an amount up to 20p.

## Health and Wellbeing

In PE we will be taking part in a range of athletics activities and will also be developing our striking and fielding skills, applying these to a range of bat and ball games. This will include us getting some taster sessions from an all stars cricket coach.

In circle time we will continue to explore a range of topics including feelings, friendship and solving problems. As we move towards the summer holidays we will also have a focus on "moving on" as the children prepare to move into primary 3.



**Primary 2  
Term 4  
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### Dates to look out for:

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Health Week.
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day Reserve Date.
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Staff In-Service Day (school closed to pupils).
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Consultations.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Class trip to Craigmillar Castle.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Wider Achievement Assembly.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day of Term.

## Other curricular areas

Since starting back after the Easter holidays we have started a new topic on knights and castles. The children have come up with lots of ideas for activities we can do in class and have lots of questions they would like to explore. We will also be going on a class trip as part of this topic to Craigmillar castle where the children will take part in some interactive activities with a storyteller.

As we move towards the summer holidays we will also explore forces, magnets and electricity in science lessons. This will include opportunities to explore how magnets can be used and how batteries and electricity work. We will also have a focus on how to stay safe around electricity.

The children will continue weekly music lessons with Mrs Callaghan on a Monday. The class have also re-started weekly art lessons with our specialist teacher Miss Goodwin and will also be getting weekly French lessons with Mrs Pringle. Both of these lessons will take place on a Wednesday afternoon.

## Other information:

- Maths homework will continue to be sent out on a Monday and will be due in by the Friday of the same week. Reading will be sent home Tuesday – Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school with their book bag **every day**.
- A reminder that we ask that **toys are not brought into school from home** as these can become a distraction for some pupils and we don't want toys getting lost or broken either.
- Please ensure your child's name is on all school clothing, particularly jumpers/ cardigans and PE kit items. This helps us to return misplaced items to the correct child and also reduces the risk of these items being lost.
- PE will be on a Thursday afternoon and in the better weather we also may go outside and use the MUGA for an additional lesson on a Monday afternoon.
- Our school library slot is on a Friday. Pupils will continue to have the opportunity to choose a school library book to take home with them. Please ensure these books are brought to school on a Friday so your child can either renew the book or return it and choose a new one. If any books go missing please let the school know ASAP.