



This is the Primary 3 newsletter for September- December 2017. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



### **Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing**

In reading, groups will work cooperatively and answer higher order thinking questions. P3 will also complete Book Detective jobs to encourage comprehension. We will be focusing on illustrator, fortune teller and connector. In spelling we will be focusing on one sound per week, children are given their spelling list and time in class to use active spelling approaches. P3 will be developing their writing through the genres of report writing, poetry, posters and flow charts, P3 will also be focusing on their knowledge of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, and Punctuation) to improve writing.

### **Maths and Numeracy**

P3 will continue with their progression of numeracy through SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning). Completing independent, active and teacher led tasks. P3 will be encouraged to talk about strategies that they use and to explain their understanding, as well as reflecting on their progress. In term 1, P3 will learn about patterns and estimating. In term 2, we will be focusing on fractions; specifically halves and quarters.

### **Other Curricular Areas**

In term 1, Children will learn about the history and geography of Edinburgh (Social Sciences). We will be using ICT to explore maps and tourism (Technology and Literacy). In term 2, our topic is Cold Lands. Children will have opportunities to learn about habitats, food chains and weather systems. We are also lucky to have Mrs Sim teach us music on Wednesdays.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

We will be continuing to building our resilience through our next two units, Take a Moment and Talk Things Over. Both these units will promote strategies to help children cope with times of stress and worry.

P3 have been enjoying their PE time with Mr Douglas on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### **Home Learning**

Children have been given a home learning jotter which includes their Sumdog ([www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)) username and password, spelling strategies and their spelling words for that week. Try and practise spelling words a few times a week. Reading books will be sent home with a reading record, which will specify what to read. Please listen to your child read and comment if you wish. Children can practise their numeracy using the SEAL home learning grids. If resources are needed for an activity, children will be given these with the grid. Children can also play Sumdog, which is a fun online game that improves mental maths.

### **Ethos & Wider Life of the School**

We will continue to have an active part in our school and the local community. In class the children are encouraged to take responsibility by having a classroom job. This includes an eco-monitor who ensures that P3 contributes to the whole school recycling of paper and milk cartons. We hope to go on educational visits around Edinburgh, where we will represent the school and become responsible citizens. We will continue to develop our creativity and problem solving through outdoor Loose Play. Children will be given the opportunity to visit the library and choose books for their enjoyment. We look forward to fantastic year in Primary 3!