



Primary 3/4 Newsletter

Term 3

Topic

This term Primary 3/4 will be finding out about the Ancient Egyptians. We will be finding out where Egypt is and about how and when the Ancient Egyptians lived. We will be researching death rituals, the Pyramids and how they were built. We will also be learning about the Gods which the Ancient Egyptians worshipped. In addition, we will be finding out about some Ancient Egyptian maths and writing and learning about daily life in Ancient Egypt.

Some of our topic time this term will also be spent on Scots language work, including learning Scots poems in the run up to Burns' Night and reading and writing stories in Doric and other varieties of Scots.



Maths

This term we'll be looking at a variety of strategies for addition and subtraction and discussing how different strategies help us with different problems. We'll also be looking at different ways data is collected and displayed and doing our own surveys as well as taking part in the RSPB's Big Schools Birdwatch. Time will also be studied this term, including using calendars for planning events as well as learning to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks. Finally, we'll be working on multiplication and learning some times tables. All of these skills will also be used in real-life contexts and for problem solving.



Literacy

In addition to our usual group reading sessions, we'll be reading for information linked with our topic. We'll then use the information we find to create our own new pieces of writing. These will include diary entries and newspaper reports. We'll also be writing imaginative stories, often linked to topic work, and will be learning to revise and improve pieces of writing. A key focus for talking and listening this term will be around learning and reciting Scots poems to celebrate Burns. Later in the term every pupil will be expected to do a 'Show & Tell' talk on a subject of their own choice and in class the focus will be on listening skills for the audience in addition to performance skills for the speaker. We'll also be performing at a Class Assembly later in the term.



Outdoor Learning

We will be working outside regularly on a *Thursday afternoon*, no matter what the weather is, working on a variety of subject areas including topic work. We will also be working outside at other times where it will add to the pupils' learning experience. Please make sure the children have appropriate clothing for all weathers. If you are able to help us, please let me know!

Homework

Homework will usually be handed out on a Monday and will be collected on a Thursday. I would ask that you remember to sign homework once it has been completed. Thank you.