

## **Term 1**

Hi there!

Welcome to Primary 3a with Miss Melville and Mrs Chapman. We cannot wait to tell you what we have planned for the rest of the year but first, let's rewind and refresh our memories of what a fun packed first term we have had. We focused first, on settling into our new class and making friends with our classmates. We used the first few weeks to adjust to our new environment, new routines and transitions.

We started off with adjectives, nouns and conjunctions in literacy. In maths we covered the 2 times table and learnt about hundreds, tens and units. We focused on expanded form as well and used this opportunity to make maths fun.

As we look forward to the future in primary 3a, listed below is a summary of what we aim to teach in the year ahead.

### **Literacy**

Planning ahead for the year daily reading will be involved in the class throughout the week. A high priority of the school is reading for enjoyment, which helps the children to explore their imaginations. We welcome you to join in with this and encourage your child to read as much as they can at home. There will be a variety of approaches used within our class such as Bug Club. Using spelling approaches helps to make the task of spelling enjoyable. The class get to write their spelling words in different styles such as a pyramid, in the colours of the rainbow and making up silly sentences using their words of the week.

Recently we have been arranging words in alphabetical order and identifying nouns and adjectives. We will focus on using punctuation in our sentences whilst carrying out activities of comprehension. This will help us demonstrate our understanding of various texts that we will use throughout the year. We will also be looking at different tools that help us with skills such as: identifying the contents page in reference books and identifying the difference between fiction and non-fiction books.

### **Numeracy**

Numeracy is taught every day throughout the week using a variety of resources. These include the ICT suite, Ipads, written work and strategies of active learning. The children enjoy both Topmarks (which can be accessed at home

with ease through search engines) and Sum Dog. Each child in P3a has been provided with a plastic wallet, which contains their username and password for both Bug Club and Sum Dog.

We are currently learning about rounding digits in the H, T, U columns to the nearest 10. From this, we aim to move on to strategies of addition and subtraction which will involve counting on and back in sequences of 1, 2, 5, 10 and 100. Later in the year we are aiming to study the 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables which will eventually lead on to division and fractions. Mental maths is a top priority at the school and will be carried out every day. This will include outside learning and using a variety of resources such as bean bags.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

In addition to topics such as internet safety and road safety, we will be delivering lessons that focus on what makes a good friend and recognising the feeling and emotions that we can feel. This will involve a variety of discussions within the class known as circle time. It helps us to understand and teaches us how to respect others.

P.E takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Miss Melville takes the class for P.E on Tuesdays whilst our P.E specialist leads the class on Wednesday afternoons. Last term saw us learn about fitness to which this term will see us learning how to control the ball with our bodies.

### **Our Topics This Term**

By the time you read this, hopefully you have been fortunate enough to watch your child participate in our class assembly. The assembly was based around Harvest, our first topic of the year. Throughout the harvest topic we incorporated different subjects from the curriculum, such as art to study the fields of harvest and literacy to make our own acrostic poems. We took the advantage of having our very own apple trees in the grounds of the school and using them to make apple crumble.



Our next topic will be the “Romans”. After the Romans we will look into the topic of “Enterprise” and what it is like to start and run a business, which will be followed with “Scotland and Other Lands”. Hopefully a school trip can be planned and fitted within the yearly schedule.

### **Science**

We will be learning about magnetism in science. This will be followed closely by studying food chains.