

# **Term 3 in Primary 3**

*Welcome to Primary 3's class page with Miss Murray*

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## **Opportunities for personal achievement**

Primary 3 have a variety of opportunities to gain personal achievements throughout the year. On a daily basis learners will gain house points by showing our school values and lining up well in the playground in the morning, after break and after lunchtime too. All learners should work hard to achieve house points to take part in termly house treats organised by Primary 7 house and vice captains. In our Primary 3 class, the class charter theme is Aladdin and the pupils work hard each week in their groups to gain 'Genie Gems' to win a special prize from the 'Genie Prize Box'. P3 pupils also have the opportunity to achieve Star of the Week. All learners are encouraged to share their own personal wider achievements every Monday at assembly. Please help pupils to complete the achievements page of their diaries.

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## **Update from previous term:**

Primary 3 had a successful term 2 and thoroughly enjoyed their RME topic of Christian Churches and Christmas traditions. P3 loved visiting the local church and want to say a huge thank you to Rev.A Rooney for allowing us to come and visit the church and learn more about it.

Primary 3 class representatives for our school committees: Pupil Council, Eco, Health and Fairtrade committee continue to work hard contributing to discussions, sharing ideas at meetings and working together to continue to improve our wonderful school.

Primary 3 Homework will be given out on a Monday and will be collected on a Friday. It is important that all children complete set homework in order to consolidate their learning. Homework will be made up of spelling words, spelling activity, a maths activity and their reading book. Reading books must be returned every Friday along with homework jotters. Some additional IDL topic homework may be given this term.

Diaries – Please check your child(s) diary each week in case there are any notes for you to read and sign at the bottom in the given space for signatures to acknowledge that you have read their diary.

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## **Interdisciplinary Learning:**

Primary 3 will be learning all about Owls linked to the novel 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' and our class big book for term 3 'Owl Babies'. The learners in P3 are very excited about this topic and have helped to plan their topic.

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## **Literacy:**

**Listening and Talking:** Learners will develop their Listening and Talking skills across all curricular areas with a focus on questioning using Blooms Taxonomy.

**Reading:** This term in Primary 3 learners will focus on developing reading strategies linked to our class big book Owl Babies and class novel 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. Primary 3 will receive a reading book for homework every week to further develop their reading skills at home this will differ from the books used in class. Learners will continue to work on developing their fluency when reading in class and will continue to complete read to write tasks to support their understanding of the books that they read. Mrs O'Donnell continues to work with Primary 3 to support learners with reading, phonics, spelling and writing on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Spelling:** Primary 3 will be following the phonics and spelling Active Literacy programme. Learners will have a focus phoneme every week and their weekly spelling words will be a mix of focus phoneme words and common words. Learners will develop their phonics and spelling through the use of phoneme boards, the 5 finger approach, Elkonin boxes, active spelling activities, partner tasks and dictation. Focus phoneme and spelling words will be sent home for homework on a weekly basis and should be revised at home. Every few weeks pupils will have a consolidation week to revise all phonemes covered in order to further develop their literacy skills.

**Writing:** This term, Primary 3 pupils will work on their informative writing skills by learning how to write a set of instructions taught using the Talk for Write approach. Pupils will focus on developing our core writing targets in every piece of writing and will work on self-assessing their work by using traffic light colours.

**French/Scots:** In Term 3 learners will continue to develop French vocabulary. Primary 3 will also be learning some Scots language and vocabulary using the books 'The Gruffalo' in Scots and 'The Gruffalo's Wean' in Scots.

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### **Numeracy and Maths:**

This term learners in Primary 3 will continue to work on addition strategies, subtraction, time and will continue to work on their times table facts. P3 learners should continue to revise their 'learn its' on page 33 in their homelink diaries in order to improve their Big Maths Beat That scores each week. They are also encouraged to work on their times tables at home.

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### **Other Curricular Areas:**

**Health & Wellbeing:** Primary 3 will continue to work on our Health and Wellbeing Indicators (SHANARRI) this term with Miss Murray. Miss Colquhoun teaches Primary 3 Health and Wellbeing on a Tuesday afternoon she will focus on food technology.

Outdoor P.E. = Monday Afternoon with Miss Murray (Team games / Football)

Indoor P.E. = Wednesday Morning with Mrs O'Donnell (Gymnastics)

**Expressive Arts:** In Art and Design learners will create owl art work linked to their IDL topic, research and re-create work of a Scottish artist and help make and create seasonal Easter artwork for their assembly. Pupils will learn and recite songs linked to our Easter assembly. Learners will develop their

Drama skills by playing games and through drama lessons linked to our class books 'Owl Babies' and 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'.

**Religious and Moral Education:** In term 3 Primary 3 will learn about Easter around the World with a focus on Christianity and will compare traditions and practices.

**Science:** In Science this term P3 will learn about magnets and forces with Miss Colquhoun.

**Technologies:** Primary 3 will continue to practice logging on and off successfully and will use Sumdog and Topmarks to enhance learning in Maths and Numeracy. Pupils will also use the ipads across the curriculum and will learn basic coding.