

## Stromness Primary School

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Newsletter

The start of the second term seems to have gone well. The children are settling in well and we have tried to use many of their interests in the topic for this term. It was good to meet many of you at the open afternoon and evening. Mrs Leitch has been appointed to the 0.3 position for the class and we will both teach for the rest of the school year.

### Env. Studies

Our **Environmental Studies** topic, "The sky above," was chosen to include as many of the class suggestions for topic as we could. We have included eight of the twelve suggestions by the children within the topic. We hope to include the remaining four in the next terms. ICT skills will be developed, with the computer, creating and saving files so that this can be used throughout the curriculum.

### Language

**Language** will introduce class talks this term about a topic of the children's choice. They may want to take objects from home as a visual aid: photograph, souvenir, etc. Handwriting will be working on the top joins. Spelling will consolidate the common words and words with similar spellings (e.g. oi, oy, ue). Individual challenge words each week consolidate or extend their spelling skills. Grammar this term will study common punctuation (e.g. , ?!), and context clues. Your support with home reading makes a difference and we have some new books in class for the topic which the children love. Pupils will be developing their imaginative writing this term and this will be linked to the topic and season.

### Maths

**Numeracy** will continue to develop and consolidate mental agility in number bonds up to 20. Your home support with the flash cards practice has often been a great benefit. Multiplication will be introduced this term with two and ten times tables. **Maths** will consolidate learning about the features of 2D shape and 3D objects. We will learn about time for familiar daily events and using the calendar. We will learn about money in number bonds and with some simple budgets.

### Health

**Health and wellbeing** will support the physical and emotional wellbeing of the children this term by learning about friendship, relationships and keeping active. Tooth brushing and hand washing have been part of our daily routine since last term's health week. All children have reflective waistcoats that should be used while they travel to and from the school.

### RME

**Religious and Moral Education** will focus on Christian stories about God and Jesus and Noah. The Jewish, Christian and non religious perspective of the creation of the stars in the sky above will be considered. The children will participate in the Christmas service and develop their understanding of ceremonies around this time of year.

### Arts

**Expressive arts** is now following a new timetable, with Music on a Monday, PE on a Tuesday and Art on a Thursday. In Music, pupils will develop singing, by singing for the assembly and

for the Christmas service. Dance will be the main focus for PE this term. Art will have cross curricular links to "the sky above" theme.

Homework

**Homework** will continue to be issued on Mondays with spelling, reading and a learning activity. Reading homework is daily from Monday to Thursday and spelling will be tested on Fridays. There is no homework over the weekend.

The **class council** has met several times and the class have contributed well to the decision making in the school through their representatives on pupil council.

The children's **learning logs** will continue to come home monthly, so that you are kept up to date with their learning and achievements. Please feel free to add an encouraging or supportive comment from home when it arrives.

**Dates for your diary:**

November 18<sup>th</sup> 3pm P3 Assembly

November 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Parents' evenings

December 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm Christmas Music Celebration - Stromness Church of Scotland

December 16<sup>th</sup> P1-3 party

December 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of term

January 6<sup>th</sup> First day of term 3

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to meeting you at the Parents' evenings later this month.

Bobby Flett

Alison Leitch