



Macmerry Pupils Succeed in Primary 2

I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Primary 2 have had a great start to 2023!

Our Learning this term...

Cross-Curricular Learning

This term Primary 2 will be focusing on Science for our topic which is Weather and Seasons. We will be developing our understanding of the 4 seasons and how weather changes as well as learning about the water cycle. Alongside this we will be reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We will also be going out to the playground to monitor the weather in Macmerry and compare this to the weather forecast for other parts of the world. Due to the time of year it would be really useful if you could ensure your child has warm clothing on as we will likely be outside daily to complete this activity.

Literacy

To start this term we will be practising our Scots Poems at home to prepare for Scots Night on the 26th January. There are videos of each poem being read available on our Google Classroom. We will continue to develop our knowledge of the RWI phonic sounds. The children will be practising their blending through the reading of individual words and full sentences when they are ready. We are encouraging the children to develop using 'Fred in their Head' to read words they are more familiar with. We will also be engaging with some non-fiction texts to find information related to our topic. The children will learn about the different parts of a non-fiction text and develop their skills in using a contents page, index and glossary.

In writing we will spend the first part of the term focussing on explanation texts. We will build up to writing a piece to explain the water cycle, using images to support what we have written. After the February break, our text type will be exposition where we will be developing our vocabulary and skills to write a persuasive text for one side of an argument.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Building on our learning about counting in 2s and 10s last term, we will look deeper at the composition of numbers and how we can partition these into tens and ones or smaller numbers to add and subtract. We will consider how counting in 2s can support us in understanding doubles and halves, linking this learning to some early fractions knowledge.

We have begun working on the schools mental maths programme where the children complete a range of mental questions once a week. The intention of these is to provide regular practise of a wider breadth of number and maths skills and develop fluency when solving calculations mentally.

In maths we will begin the term learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects, identifying key features and grouping those shapes that share certain features. From February we will focus on time. We will develop our skills reading analogue and digital clocks, as well as consolidating our knowledge of the days of the week and months of the year.

Health and Wellbeing

During this term we are working on 'Be Kind To Others' within our Building Resilience learning, and link this to the Friends and Friendships unit of RSHP. We will revisit what a kind friend looks and sounds like as well as spending time recognising those who have been kind to us.

Show and Tell

The class really enjoy sharing their items from home with their peers, however it is now becoming a daily addition to our timetable. We do love to hear and see what children are sharing and so I would like to timetable this as part of our Wednesday afternoon. If your child has a toy they would like to share could you please encourage them to wait until the next Wednesday to bring it to class. We still encourage them to bring in any out of school achievements, such as football medal or swimming certificate, to share with us when they receive them.