

Welcome back everyone! It's lovely to see all of the children happy and ready to learn. This year there are three Primary three classes and we will work collaboratively throughout the year.

### **Literacy**

This term we will be focusing on tools for reading. We will focus on adding expression when reading aloud and showing an understanding of the texts we are reading through comprehension activities.

We will be working on our listening and talking skills in particular showing that we know when to listen, when to talk and building our ability to ask relevant questions linked to what has been said.

During writing activities there will be a focus on full stops and capital letters, learning about connectives other than 'and' (so, because, also etc) and we will also consider how to 'open' sentences using different words such as 'Next, Then, After, that...'

### **Maths**

We have started the term looking at numbers to 100 and considering place value and ordering numbers. We will continue to work on using addition and subtraction when solving problems this term.

### **Across the Curriculum**

Our topic at the moment is Farming. We will be developing our understanding of different types of farms, farming in the past and present, features of a farm and farm to fork. If you can support us in anyway with this topic please let me know.

### **Housekeeping**

Primary 3 will have PE on a Wednesday. Children should have a named gym kit, including indoor shoes in a named bag which will be kept in school. They will be sent home at the end of term for a wash.

On a Wednesday morning we will have Drama with Mrs Charleston. Mrs Allan will also work with the class on a Wednesday with an RME focus this term and will be considering other world religions with the class.

We are also fortunate this term to be receiving a music input on a Thursday.

Please provide children with an activity/colouring book which can be kept in their trays for indoor break times.

### Homework

Children will be given a focus sound of the week each Tuesday along with 'tricky' words. The children will carry out activities in class throughout the week to help reinforce spelling rules and patterns. These sounds and words will come home on a Wednesday and your child would benefit from practising them at home. Please return jotters on a Monday to be updated.

Guided reading sessions this term will take place on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will benefit from practising their reading at home, with their school book and through reading other books and magazines for enjoyment. If your child has magazines which they have finished reading at home and would like to donate them to the class library they would be much appreciated.

### Listening and Talking - Home Learning Task

#### Task Directions

1. Please could your child find out about a farm animal of their choice
2. Research the topic and make notes.
3. Create a talk which lasts no longer than 3 minutes. (You can write notes but please don't write down your whole presentation, this is a talking exercise not a reading one).
4. Please either create a poster about the animal to show the class or bring in props. You can use PowerPoint to support your presentation.
5. **You will present your talk to your class w/c 30/09/2019. A timetable will be sent out nearer the time for the day your child is presenting.**
6. The class will listen carefully to your talk and ask questions at the end.