



P.E.

This term, we will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays and we will usually be inside now as the weather changes. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for running around in.

We have started this term by focussing on basketball—keeping control of the ball when moving and being able to pass the ball. We will move on to other ball sports throughout this term.



Book Week Scotland

We have enjoyed celebrating Book Week Scotland and exploring the amazing books that came in the Bookbug Bags and Read, Write Count bags. We hope you have enjoyed looking at these together at home too—please share any photos associated to this through Seesaw.



Christmas

The lead up to Christmas is always a very exciting time in school. The Acorns will be learning some Christmas songs which we look forward to sharing with you at the end of the term. We will confirm details regarding this

soon. We will also be having a Christmas party, Christmas crafts and a Christmas lunch—dates will be shared once confirmed.

Achievement Book

We are keen to celebrate pupils achievements and successes outside of school, as well as in school. I will be keeping an 'Achievement Book' to log all pupils wider achievements. Please share photos/videos through Seesaw or pupils could bring in certificates/medals/share stores with the class.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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SLC Acorns Newsletter

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Welcome

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing October break. We had a busy and exciting start to the second term with Spooky Science week then Bonfire Night activities. This is always a fun (and fast!) term as we lead up to Christmas and all the festivities that brings!



General Information

Please make sure your child brings a suitable jacket for the ever changing weather as we will be outside for break and lunch as much as possible (except on very wet days or in extreme weather conditions.)

Please ensure your child brings a small snack for playtime and a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day.

Please could you put names on all belongings to help us return found property to the rightful owner. Thank you!



Lunch time has now changed to 12.15 -1.00pm as we are starting to use the dining hall from Mon 22nd Nov. Other times remain the same.



Caroline Gray, SLT Assistant has joined us from Newbattle and will be working with some of the children on Wednesdays. Sheonagh Mearns, SLT will also be working with the children on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Occasionally they post comments or short videos on Seesaw so you can see what the boys have been learning. The children love to share these with you.

COP26

The Acorns were interested to learn about climate change during the Glasgow COP26 conference. We are trying to save resources in class by switching off the lights and recycling paper and plastic bottles.



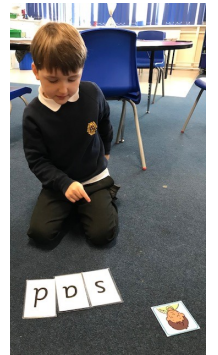
Literacy

The P1s have now learned all of the Set 1 sounds from the Read, Write, Inc. programme. We are now spending a little time making sure they can recall all the sounds quickly and are focussing on blending sounds to read words.



The P2s are making good progress with the red and green stories. It is great to see their confidence and fluency developing each week.

The children continue to enjoy 'milk and story' time each day where we have a daily reading focus. We are also reading 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' as a class novel.



Numeracy and Maths

This term we are continuing to develop our understanding of numbers by exploring number sequences (forward and backwards), ordering of number and value of numbers. Over the week, we will be covering number structures, numerals, number stories and grouping/sharing. We are also learning about measurement and recording information.



Topic/IDL

This term our topic is Materials. We are learning about the properties of everyday materials and how they are used around us. We decided we would like to find out how to make materials like paper and glass as well as doing experiments to find out which are the best materials for different purposes. Following on from COP 26 we will also be thinking about how to save and recycle resources we use.