



# Sacred Heart Primary School

“Aspire Nurture Learn Achieve”



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Dear Parent/Carer,



**The Halloween Disco is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. All Nursery pupils coming to the Nursery – P3 Disco must be accompanied by an adult. Adults of all pupils from P1-P3 are welcome to stay and enjoy the disco too.**

## Drumming Show

The children from P1 – P7 all took part in an amazing drumming and percussion workshop on Thursday. We were joined by Infectious Grooves as part of the Drumming for Excellence programme. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show – especially when Daniel leapt up in the air!!!

Our pupils in P4/5 and P5/6 will be working with the team over the next few weeks, participating in workshop sessions. They will be working towards a performance which they shall be sharing with the school and parents on the afternoon of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – pop that date into your diary.



## Scottish Storytelling

P2 and P3/4 were also treated to a visit from a Scottish storyteller. Ron from Macastory delighted the children with his weird and wonderful Scottish tales. The children were mesmerised by him and loved the opportunity to try on some of his hats after.



This week the following children have been acknowledged as 'stars' within our school community:

- ★ James (P1) – responsible citizen
- ★ Mia (P2) – effective contributor
- ★ Brodie (P3/4) – successful learner & effective contributor
- ★ Phoebe (P4/5) – confident individual
- ★ Theo (P5/6) – successful learner
- ★ Nadia (P7) – responsible citizen

Well done to all of our Sacred Heart Stars – you have shone brightly this week.

### **Our RERC Learning**

Our RERC learning this month continues to focus on Our Blessed Lady, Mary:

**Primary 7** have been starting to learn the Memorare prayer, seeking the intercession and help of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is appropriate to pray at any time, but especially appropriate during times of difficulty or distress. Mary is the Mother of Jesus and the Spiritual Mother of each of us.

**Primary 5/6** are continuing to explore the Rosary and the associated prayers. We are focusing on the Glorious mysteries just now, but will be extending this to include other mysteries as the children become more confident.

**Primary 4/5** have been learning about the Rosary. We explored the meaning of each bead and the associated prayers. We had a go at saying a decade of the Rosary and we will continue to practise this throughout October.

**Primary 3/4** have been discussing the different ways of honouring Mary as Mother of Jesus and Our Mother. We learned that the Angelus means Angels and that Mary is in Heaven with all the Angels and has a special title - Queen of the Angels. We listened to the Angelus and had a go at joining in. We will continue to learn this, so we can participate fully.

**Primary 2** have been discussing the different ways of honouring Mary as Mother of Jesus and Our Mother. We learned that the Angelus means Angels and that Mary is in Heaven with all the Angels and has a special title - Queen of the Angels. We listened to the Angelus and joined in with the Hail Mary's.

**Primary 1** have completed their learning about the stories from the Old Testament of the Bible. They have enjoyed using their God-given form to express themselves through song and dance.



## The Parent Partnership

Hi

Although the beginning of next week, the Parent Partnership will be focused upon the Halloween Disco, we are also aware that Christmas is fast approaching.

We are having a get together to discuss the Christmas Fair at the Craigie on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7.30pm. This is just an informal get together for anyone who would be interested in supporting the Christmas Fair in any capacity. By coming along, you are in no way committed but we would love to have as many hands on deck as possible to make this a huge success.



The Christmas Fair itself is planned for the morning of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December although a great deal of the set-up and preparations happen in the days before and especially on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you are free to support in any way, either join us at the Craigie on Thursday or just let me or your class representative know.

Jemima

### Parent Partnership - Whatsapp class contact groups

Please click the appropriate link below to add yourself to your class WhatsApp group. When you join, please introduce your name and your child's name so your class rep knows who has joined.

Alternatively, you can also send a text message to your class rep and request them to join you in the group. Please contact Jemima on 07438369168 for your class rep's name and contact number.

ELC (Nursery): <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LX0zGNIJMQC40piWCOGnXh>

P1: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H9gf5JvswmHH6WmFGpfkP3>

P2: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JM5QzNrl5DI3TN3tARna3X>

P3/4: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KG4j8ghD8PvFF1bwtHd8IO>

P4/5: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HEKnp8kJk82oq68OCcwPy>

P5/6: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JiH4od1GML6FkIqmjL5UJw>

P7: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BcqbRSsruLFmEj72HBfn8>



### Penicuik High School Transition Events

Penicuik High offering school tours for parent/carers and children on the following dates:

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 4.00pm-5.00pm
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 1.00pm – 2.00pm

## St David's High School Information Evening

Families of pupils in P5/6/7 are invited to attend an information evening being held at St David's HS on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** from 6.00-7.30pm. You will also be able to visit areas within the school on the evening. Please see letter which has been emailed to these families



### School Uniform

In the past few weeks we have seen a drop in the standard of school uniform which some of the older children are wearing to school. Uniform develops a sense of unity and group identity as well as reducing bullying due to comments over fashion 'labels'

If you are finding it challenging to meet the costs of school uniform then please let the school know as we are able to help with this.

It is an expectation that all children will wear school uniform.

### Halloween Costume Drive

Thank you to all of the families who donated costumes to our Halloween Costume Drive. There are still lots of costumes available – all beautifully laid out and organised by our P7 Council. Please come in to school and have a rummage for something which would be suitable for your little ones. The room will be open:

Friday - 12.20pm – 12.45pm

Monday - 8.30am – 9.10am

Monday – 3.00pm – 3.30pm



Sacred Heart continues its commitment to Reduce, Re-use, Recycle to save our planet for the next generation.

### Sacraments



Registration letters and forms have been issued to all pupils in P3 for Reconciliation and to pupils in P4 and P7 who are invited to take the next step on their sacramental journey - First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Completed registration forms must be returned to school **no later than Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** along with baptismal certificate where required.

If your child has not brought a letter home, please contact school office to request one.

Children in P3, P4 and P7 are eligible to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation. If you have recently joined the school or have an interest in your child receiving the sacraments, please contact the school.

Parent/Carers are invited to attend a **Registration Meeting** for all 3 Sacraments which is scheduled to take place at 7.00pm in St Margaret's Church Hall on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. However, we are aware there is a clash of dates on this evening for parents who wish to attend the St David's HS information evening - we are liaising with the church and will be in touch as soon as possible to advise accordingly.



## Midlothian Advertiser - P1 Souvenir Edition - new publication date!

Midlothian Advertiser P1 Class Souvenir Edition will now be published on the 16th November, this is a change from the 2nd November. A new deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> November has been set should you wish to pre-order copies. Please see email issued with further details.

## School Photo orders

Photograph orders have been collected in batches. There will be one final collection so if you have not yet returned but wish to place an order, please return envelope to school **no later than first thing on Monday 30 October**. Should you wish to place an order after this date, this can be requested via the photographer direct.



## Supervision

We appreciate that many families make a big effort to ensure they get their children to school/nursery on time and arrive in the playground, or outside the nursery gate, before the setting is open. We would remind you that, at these times, the children are under the supervision of their adult and that their safety is the responsibility of the person they are with. For this reason we would ask that you do not let your child play with, climb or swing on items such as our play equipment, gates, hand rails etc. We shall ensure that the doors open promptly at 8.40am for the nursery (ELC) and 8.50am for the school.



## Family Information Workshops – Social Stories and Emotional Regulation

Midlothian Council and NHS Lothian are offering a workshop to support parents, carers, and other family members to understand how their young people communicate and regulate and explore strategies to support this across the day. This will take place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 11am-12noon at Newbattle Medical Centre, Group Room. For booking details, please see attached leaflet.

## Registering For Free School Meals



An important source of income for the school is through funding from Midlothian based upon the number of children who have applied for 'free school meals' (FSM). Unfortunately, as all pupils from P1 – P5 are now entitled to a school lunch, the numbers of families who apply for FSM status has dropped dramatically and so, therefore, has the **vital funding** to the school.

It would be fantastic if all families, who believe that they would be entitled to FSM (P1 – P7), would **apply through the link below**, so we can increase the numbers who are registered and increase the funding to school which can be used to support our children in so many ways. There are so many additional benefits to you, and your child, if you do apply for FSM such as:

- Free milk
- Access to clothing grants
- Access to financial support for trips / events



You may not be aware that you are eligible for FSM so please check see if any of the following criteria applies to your family. Do you receive:

- Universal Credit (where your monthly earned income is not more than £726)
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Your child is also entitled to free school lunches if you get:

- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £18,725
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit and have an income of up to £8,717

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school\\_meals/117/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_clothing\\_grants](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants)

The school will be more than happy to support you in completing the necessary paperwork so please do not let that put you off applying. Remember, the more families who register, the more funding the school gets and ultimately this benefits the children.

### PE Days

P1 – Monday and Wednesday  
P2 – Tuesday and Thursday  
P3/4 – Monday and Wednesday  
P4/5 – Tuesday and Thursday  
P5/6 – Tuesday and Thursday  
P7 – Tuesday and Thursday

PE kit should include a fresh T-shirt, shorts / leggings and trainers.

If your child's PE session is to be outside, they can wear joggers/leggings and a sweatshirt.

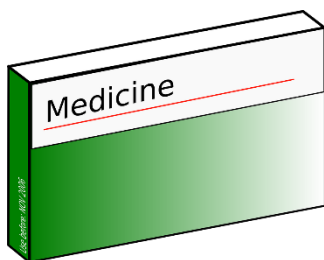
The children should, for hygiene reasons, have clothes to change into.



Coffee & Chat

### Coffee and Chat

Our next planned Coffee and Chat session will be virtual and will start at 9.30am to allow time to get home after drop-off times. We would love to meet as many parents as possible online. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and to give your suggestions regarding how to make Sacred Heart even better. Please put **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** in your diary.



### Medication

If your child is taking any form of medication in school - whether it be prescribed or over the counter - **we will require a medical form to be completed by an adult on site. No child should have any medication in their bags or be self-medicating.** It is vital that all medicines are held centrally and carefully monitored to ensure that the children are kept safe. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

## Reporting Absences

Please ensure that you call or email in to school to report your child absent. You do not need to wait until the morning to do this, as you can leave a message in the dedicated telephone mailbox as soon as you are aware that your child will not be attending school. You can also email this information to [sacredheart\\_ps@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:sacredheart_ps@midlothian.gov.uk)

Please ensure that all messages clearly state your child's name, class and the reason (advising symptoms where appropriate) for his/her absence. Your support with this matter is appreciated.



## 48-hour rule

We would remind parents that if your child has been sick they cannot return to school for 48 hours. This guidance also applies to those who experience an upset tummy. This is to give them time to recover and to ensure that any virus is not spread around our community. We appreciate your co-operation to help us keep everyone safe.



## Dates For Your Diary

- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November – P5/6 Sharing Assembly
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> November – P7 pupils to Numeracy Event at St David's HS
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November - P7 trip to Dalkeith Palace
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November – P7 Parent Tour of PHS 4.00pm-5.00pm
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November – St David's HS Open Evening for P5-7 pupils and parent/carers 6.00-7.30pm
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> November – Sacrament Registration Meeting 7.00pm St Margaret's Church Hall
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> November – P7 Sharing Assembly
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> November – P7 parent tour of PHS 1.00pm -2.00pm
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November- Scottish Book Week – book fair will be in school
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccination Programme in school
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> November - Parent Consultations
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> November – Rite of Enrolment for all sacramental children 11am Mass at SH Church
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> March – P3/4 & P4/5 Swimming (every Wed except holidays)
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> December – Drumming performance to parents of pupils in P4/5 and P5/6
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> December – Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumpers
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Parties
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School closes 12.25pm for Christmas holidays

## 2024

- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> January – New term starts for pupils- 8.50am (8.00am Breakfast Club)
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> January - Catechesis for Reconciliation Parents 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> January - Rite of Illumination for Reconciliation children 11.00am Mass in SH Church
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> February – School closes 12.25pm for February break
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – School reopens 8.50am (8.00am Breakfast Club)
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Ash Wed - Parish Mass 11.00am in Sacred Heart Church

- Sun 25th February - Rite of Signing of the Cross for Reconciliation children 11.00am Mass in SH Church
- Wed 28th February - Catechesis for FHC Parents 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall
- Wed 13th March - Catechesis for Confirmation Parents 7.15pm in St Margaret's Church Hall
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March – P6 Bikeability
- Wed 20th March - Reconciliation Practice 10.45am in Sacred Heart Church
- Thurs 21st March - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes 3.15pm for Easter Holiday
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens 8.50am (8.00am Breakfast Club)
- Sun 21st April - Rite of the Presentation of the Gospels for Confirmation children 11.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
- Sun 28th April- Rite of the Presentation of the Our Father for FHC children 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day - School closed
- Sun 12th May - Rite of the Presentation of the Creed for Confirmation children 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> May – School closed to pupils
- Wed 29th May - FHC Practice 10.45am in Sacred Heart Church
- Sat 1st June - SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 1.00pm in Sacred Heart Church
- Wed 12th June – Eucharistic Adoration P4 FHC 11.00am in Sacred Heart Church
- Fri 14th June - SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 7.00pm (Place TBC)
- Wed 26th June - P7 Leavers' Mass 11.00am in school
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – Term ends 12.25pm

### Term Time Days of Obligation – whole school mass

- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – All Saints 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Thursday 11.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June – Feast of the Sacred Heart Parish Mass at 9.30am in Sacred Heart Church

### Class Updates:

#### **ELC (Nursery)**

This week we have been very interested in all things spooky and creepy as we head towards Halloween. The children have enjoyed listening to the story 'Room on the Broom' and have lots of imaginative play opportunities using the resources on our seasonal Halloween table. The children particularly enjoyed developing their fine motor skills when working with our pumpkin coloured dough.

During our In-Service day, we re-arranged some areas of the ELC and our newly improved music area has been a huge hit (excuse the pun!). The children have been using a range of instruments, both tuned and percussion, to explore sound and rhythm. We have quite a good band and may go on tour soon.



We are also very excited to be welcoming a new member of staff to our setting. Kerrie will be joining us on Monday. We look forward to working with her and we are sure that she will bring so many ideas with her which will enhance our Nursery setting.

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday.

## **P1**

It has been a short but busy week in Primary 1 this week! We were all very excited to get back to our learning after a week of but were also keen to share what we had been up to over the holidays with the rest of the class. We spent some time sharing news on Tuesday morning before getting right back into Drawing Club. This week, we read the story 'Christopher Pumpkin' which is all about a pumpkin called Christopher who does not want to be scary like all of the other pumpkins. We discussed why it was okay for Christopher to be different and really enjoyed the funny parts of the story too. We have learned lots of new vocabulary through this story, including 'plotting', 'industrious', 'hair raising' and lots more! Our drawings have also become more detailed as the week has gone on. We reviewed all of the sounds that we have learned so far in P1, ready to learn 3 more new sounds next week.

In numeracy we have been practising our counting again as well as numeral recognition to refresh our memories. This will be a continuing focus until everyone is secure but we will be learning new things alongside this too.

We had a fantastic time doing some drumming on Thursday afternoon and really enjoyed working with learners from throughout the school to create rhythms. We also had French on Thursday morning and learned lots of Halloween themed words and put them into practise when learning some songs and dances.

In PE on Wednesday we have been focusing on movement and the different ways that we move our bodies. We discussed moving around objects, going through them, going over them and going under them before trying this for ourselves. We even managed to squeeze in some arts and crafts this week as we practised our cutting skills to create some 'silly pumpkins'.

Next week we will be learning the sounds 'r', 'j' and 'sh' - our very first special friend! We will begin exploring pattern in maths and we will also be starting to learn the first song of our Nativity! Lots to look forward to in P1 next week!

Have a lovely weekend!

## **P2**

Welcome back and I hope you all had a great midterm break. We have enjoyed being back together and sharing some stories of what we did in the holiday. As always we have packed a lot into a shorter week. We have really enjoyed starting our new unit of PE lessons where we are learning social dances – some party dances and some ceilidh dances. This week we have started with the hokey cokey and a Canadian barn dance. We are learning to follow instructions, remember steps, to dance with a partner and keeping healthy at the same time. We will continue with these dances next week and we might challenge ourselves to make the barn dance progressive....!

In literacy we continue with our RWI lessons and have thought about our targets in writing. We have targets for P2 and each child has picked 2 to focus on in the next few weeks. We have written them and displayed them in the classroom so we can quickly check in and see how we are progressing. We have enjoyed reading some Hallowe'en books, particularly "Room on the Broom"

in Scots and in French! We have used our previous knowledge to work identify different words for the animals – our favourite is the puddock. Next week we start reading “The owl who was afraid of the dark” together.

In numeracy we are working on addition and using symbols to show our addition partners. We are using our numicon resources, counters and an abacus to demonstrate our tasks. We will continue with addition next week using numbers up to 20.

We were very excited to have a storyteller visitor on Wednesday who brought 2 folk tales to life for us – one was about a tailor with magic scissors and the other was about a pedlar who was trying to sell hats until some naughty monkeys pinched them all. We sang along with the stories and acted out parts as well. On Thursday we also got to take part in the whole school drumming activity where we learnt about the instruments and got to perform together. What a great noise we made! Have a lovely weekend.

### **P3/4**

It has been a pleasure teaching Primary 3/4 this week. Everyone has worked incredibly hard.

In Literacy, we have been learning a new Talk for Writing story. The story is called ‘Keep Off The Tracks’ and is a warning story. We have discussed the features of a Narrative Story and created a success criteria together. We have started to draw our story map to support us in learning the words of the story. Next week we will continue to draw our story map and identify actions for some of the key language. We will also look more closely at the setting of the story.

In Numeracy, we have been learning how to subtract using a range of different strategies. This week we have focused particularly on using an empty number line and the ‘split strategy’. We will continue to focus on subtraction next week exploring other strategies such as using a bar model.

In IDL, Primary 3/4 have been introduced to the Extreme Earth topic. We have learned about what makes an environment extreme such as the weather or living conditions. On our Chromebooks we all chose an environment to investigate and created a mind map of facts about our chosen area. Next week we will be learning about Natural Disasters and how they occur.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

### **P4/5**

I hope everyone had a lovely, restful break last week. The class certainly came back to school on Tuesday with lots of enthusiasm and ready to hit the ground running. In literacy this week, we have been looking at descriptive writing where we were describing a setting and a character. To help with this we were learning about noun phrases and expanded noun phrases. We then wrote a spooky story based on a picture of a haunted house. Next week we’ll be learning about speech in writing as well as continuing to work on descriptive writing to help us improve our writing.

In numeracy this week, we have been working on multiplication tables with the aim of being able to quickly recall multiplication facts and using them to help us solve multiplication problems. Next week we will continue practicing our times tables and getting lots of practice with multiplication games.

We started a new block of PE on Tuesday this week where we will be learning about gymnastics and the different disciplines involved with that. We started off with balance this week where the children practised different balances on their own and with partners. Next week we will look at different jumps. We will also be starting a block of hockey from next Thursday.

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to have the Drumming for Excellence people in to do a whole school performance which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In French, we did a little Halloween French code breaker which was a good challenge for the children. Next week, we will be starting to work on our topic, looking at extreme weather in different countries, how it affects the way people live and comparing it to how we use land in Scotland.

Have a lovely weekend all.

## **P5/6**

Welcome back to Term 2! We have so much exciting learning planned for this term, we are very excited to get back to our routine in P5/6.

In literacy, we have begun to work on our Talk for Writing unit that we will be completing over the next few weeks. We discussed the importance of creating an effective setting, using imagery related to our senses and amazing adjectives, not just okay ones! We practised describing a setting to one another, and then kept this in mind when reviewing our key text, 'The Apprentice'. We gave the author some feedback on what we think they did well, and what we would improve if we were the one writing the story. We created a story map that will help us with our structure once we begin to write a warning story of our own. Next week, we will analyse the text further and begin to learn it by heart, using drama to help us create a brain-body connection when remembering the story.

In numeracy, we revised data handling, looking at the features of different types of graph e.g. line and bar graphs. We discussed together which type of graph would be most appropriate for different types of scenarios, for example using a line graph to display changes over time. We also dove into fractions this week, thinking about how we can compare fractions of different amounts, and how fractions that look different can be equal to one another. We used concrete materials to display these in order to aid our understanding. Some groups also looked at improper fractions and mixed numbers. Next week, we will look at completing calculations involving fractions.

In our topic, we have begun to look at our new topic for the term - Extreme Earth! We had an overview of just some of the experiments that we will be conducting this term in order to investigate the amazing planet we live on - including building our own working volcano! We investigated the structure of the Earth, looking at the four layers. We are very excited to be putting our scientist hats on! Next week, we will be investigating how the Earth's surface has changed over time, and how tectonic plates interact with each other to cause different movements.

In HWB, we discussed the importance of maintaining a growth mindset when approaching a challenge. We set some targets for ourselves for this term, using the SMART acronym to ensure that they were as realistic as possible. We will continue to refer back to these throughout the term - we can't wait to see when we reach these targets!

As a reminder, our sharing the learning assembly is next week! We have a great line up planned for you, and would love for you to come and see us next Friday, as we share everything we learned last term. We will hopefully see you then!

Have a lovely weekend!

## P7

Welcome back to the beginning of our second term everyone! This week has been very quick with lots of learning taking place. The children have been learning to spell words with 'ch' sounding like 'c' for example, character and chrysalis. They have also been enjoying doing Accelerated Reading - our brand new individualised reading programme to encourage enjoyment and choice when reading. This will be part of our daily routine for the forthcoming term. Next week, the children will begin identifying features of personal recount writing in the format of a diary and will be learning to spell words with 'qu' in them.

In Numeracy, the children have made a positive start to multiplication and division. They have been working on the inverse relationship between the two operations and applying this to solve missing numbers. They have also been multiplying whole numbers by a two digit number using the grid method. Next week we will continue using the grid method to solve multiplication word problems. We will also begin to work on measure by making estimates about length and height and then measuring and recording accurately in millimetres, centimetres and metres.

Our topic this term is World War 2 as this was something voiced by the pupils at the start of the year that they were really keen to learn about. The children have also shared their views on exactly what they would like to learn about in relation to the war and I have planned in response to this. We will be learning about why and how the war started next week as well as looking at country locations on a map of Europe.

Our P.E focus for the next few weeks is on basketball and the children will continue doing PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. In Health and Wellbeing we have begun thinking about our strengths and how they can help us throughout life, not just in school.

I hope all of the children enjoyed their first week back to school and are looking forward to another busy and fun term!

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I hope you have a great weekend and that the weather dries up so the children can get outside to play.

Lilly Learmonth  
Acting Deputy Headteacher