



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010

Dear Primary 3 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope that you all had a great summer holiday and that you're looking forward to working hard in Primary 3.

This year we have Mrs Hunter working with us as our Learning Assistant.

The topics for this term are outlined below:

Language

Writing - poetry

Handwriting

Grammar

Spelling

Class reading/Accelerated Reading

Speaking and listening

This term we are lucky to have Miss Robinson taking out groups of children on a Monday and Tuesday to support and extend their Literacy skills.

Mathematics

A variety of aspects covered using Edinburgh maths planners.

Social Studies

Houses and Homes

Our Street

Health and wellbeing

Fresh start

School values - Belonging, Respect

P.E

Athletics and Games - twice a week

Art

Drawing - linked to Social Studies topic

Music

Song teach every week

I.C.T

Every Thursday with Mrs Bell

Homework

- Reading books will be given out on a Monday and collected in on a Thursday. There will also be homework challenges that are given out, please check your child's homework diary to find out more details.
- You child will begin Accelerated Reading this session. It will mean that your child will choose their own book to bring home each day. It would be great if you could record what they have read in their reading record. Your child will have a chance to do a quiz on the book when they have finished reading it. If they score 80% or above they will be able to choose another book. Your child can read these books at their own pace. Please see the attached letter for more details but if you have any other questions then please ask me or Mrs Bell (ICT co-ordinator).

Assessment is for Learning

- We will continue to use 2 stars and a wish, collaborative working, thumbs, whiteboards, peer/ self assessment and WALT and WILF in the classroom to help us with our learning. We will also be continuing to set targets in our Personal Learning Plans. These will have next steps so that you child knows how to reach the next stage in their learning.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or queries at any stage throughout the year then please do not hesitate to call or come in and see me.

Laurie Allan