

ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE CREATIVE AND HAPPY TOGETHER

CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

General information

With restrictions lifted, it's really good to gradually get back to our usual calendar of events. On the first school trip for quite some time, the P5-7 class had a great time at Findhorn, exploring the school theme of 'Community' We also gathered as a school in the Echt Churchyard for Remembrance with the local minister, where the pupils shared some fantastic, thoughtful poetry. It won't be long till Christmas now and the children have been working extremely hard, practicing their songs and parts for the Christmas Show, 'Children of the World', which they are very excited about. There's a lot to look forward to in the weeks ahead, at this very busy time of the year. Please take note of all the dates at the bottom of this page. Further information will follow as necessary, as we progress through the term.

Areas your child will be working on

Reading - This term we are working on identifying the different parts of a book and how we can use our reading to help us create our own parts of a book, such as, a front cover. Both P1 and P2's will also continue to build on their segmenting and blending of new words.

Writing - This term we will be focusing on a range of new writing styles. This includes poetry and letter writing. In our poetry writing, we will be using the rhyming knowledge that we developed last term to help us write some rhyming poems.

Spelling - In class we will continue to work through our phonics international units to help us develop our understanding of new sounds (meanings, usage and spellings).

Listening & Talking—This term we will continue to focus on our listening and talking through class discussions and learning. We will also be working on our ability to use expression and body language when talking, in order to help us prepare for our Christmas show.

Numeracy—This term we will be continuing to focus on a range of number work, P1's will be building on their knowledge of adding and numbers to 20 whereas the P2's will be exploring place value and addition using column sums. Both P1 and P2 will also be exploring directions and symmetry as part of our maths work.

Health and wellbeing: In class this term we will be focusing on a range of different areas such as managing our emotions, friendship and self-belief. For PE this term we will be focusing on movement and football.

Our context for learning (theme) this term is 'Our Community'

UN Sustainability Goals Focus

Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities: making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Links to Charter for the rights of the child (key articles)

Article 2: the right to non-discrimination; Article 3: best interests of the child; Article 12: respect for the views of the child; Article 13: freedom of expression; Article 14: freedom of thought, belief and religion; Article 15: freedom of association; Article 27: a dequate standard of living; Article 31: leisure, play and culture.

Key themes to explore:

- Our community layout - Needs and wants - How needs are met in our community —Investigating different beliefs at Christmas - Christmas around the world—in particular Poland and China.

Dates for your calendar (please continue to also refer to the bulletin)

St Andrew's Day (pupils can wear a 'touch of tartan'): Wednesday 30th November

Forest School: Friday 2nd December

Panto at His Majesty's Theatre: Wednesday 7th December

Whole School Christmas Show and Christmas Stalls in Echt Hall: Thursday 15th December 2pm start

Christmas Lunch (pupils only). Christmas jumper can be worn to school: Friday 16th December

Christmas Party (all classes): Monday 19th December

End of term and pupil profiles on Seesaw: Thursday 22nd December

Weekly Timetable (a typical week)

Monday	H&WB, Phonics/Reading, Topic, Pupil Groups
Tuesday	Phonics/Reading, Maths, PE, French
Wednesday	Writing, Maths, Topic
Thursday	Maths, Phonics/Spelling, Topic
Friday	Assembly, Fine Motor Skills, Maths, PE, Topic

What you can do at home to help

Please encourage your child to...

- Be curious! Read all kinds of texts for enjoyment.
- Practice 'Learn Its' number facts (number bonds and times tables) to support many areas of numeracy.
- Complete homework tasks.

