

ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE CREATIVE AND HAPPY TOGETHER

CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

General information

It has been lovely to welcome all the pupils back to school after the winter break. After all the excitement of Christmas, this term is all about fully re-focusing on the core areas of the curriculum – literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Meanwhile, we have been delighted to welcome a new Therapist to Echt on Fridays: Breagh the golden retriever and her owner Anne, who are engaged in supportive 1:1 reading sessions for some pupils. We are also hoping to make it to the forest this term (weather and conditions permitting). The P5-7 class have planned another Community Café prior to the mid-term break. We hope you can attend. An open afternoon for the whole school is planned for March. This term we are running two themes side by side. The Outright Campaign will provide evidence for our Rights Respecting Gold assessment late this month.

Areas your child will be working on

Reading This term we are working on our segmentation and blending of words alongside reading comprehension and predictions.

Writing This term in our writing we are focusing on instruction writing and report writing. We are also focusing our grammar inputs on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Spelling For our spelling this term both primary 1 and 2 will continue to progress through the phonics international units. We will also continue to learn new common words on alternative weeks.

Listening & Talking Turn taking and opportunities to demonstrate body language and facial expressions when listening and talking remain our focus points this term.

Numeracy In our number work this term, primary 1 are focusing on their numbers to 20 and primary 2 are focusing on multi step problems. Both P1 and P2 will also explore addition and subtraction. Our topic maths this term is information handling and money. We will also be continuing to build our mental maths skills.

Health and wellbeing: In PE we are focusing on gymnastics and football. In our health and wellbeing work we are focusing on self-belief and hygiene this term.

Our context for learning (theme) this term is 'OutRight Campaign' and 'Energy: Push, Pull, Wire & Waves'

UN Sustainability Goals Focus

Goal 3: Good Health and Wellbeing **Goal 4:** Quality Education **Goal 6:** Clean Water and Sanitation

Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure **Goal 10:** Reduced Inequalities **Goal 7:** Affordable and clean energy:

Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production

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 6:** Life survival and development, **Article 12:** Respect for the views of the child, **Article 13:** Freedom of expression, **Article 23:** Children with disabilities, **Article 24:** Health water food environment

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Key themes to explore

OutRight Campaign: Access to health and health systems, features of health systems, accessibility and barriers to healthcare, campaigning on children's rights

Energy: Push, Pull, Wire & Waves: Types and sources of energy, responsible use of energy, forces, electrical circuits, sound, light, magnets

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

Community Café: Thursday 9th February **Litter Pick:** Thursday 16th February

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March **Forest School:** Friday 3rd March **Open Afternoon:** Thursday 16th March

End of Term and Reports Issued: Friday 31st March

Weekly Timetable (a typical week)

Monday	Health and Wellbeing, Phonics/Reading, Maths, Pupil Groups
Tuesday	PE, French, Maths, Phonics/Reading, Theme
Wednesday	Maths, Phonics/Reading, Handwriting, Theme
Thursday	Writing, Maths, PE, Literacy
Friday	Assembly, Maths, Theme, Library Time

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 (find these on Google Classroom).

Miss Mackie teaches - Monday-Friday

Mrs Perry teaches - PE and French on Tuesdays

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