

# ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

Welcome to the Echt School termly class newsletter in which we aim to share the learning that we have planned for the

## 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, P2-4 will be working on reading with appropriate expression, which will really help us with acting out our parts in the school Christmas Show.

**Writing** - We are learning about instruction writing this term, learning about the key features of instructions, how to make them clear. We are using the Sentence Phrase Word thinking routine to build up a large bank of ideas we can use in our writing.

**Spelling** - We are continuing to work through the Phonics International units to develop our understanding of new sounds (meanings, usage and spellings). We are using different strategies to practice our new words, such as spelling them with magnetic letters.

**Listening & Talking** - P2-4 are learning how to project their voices, speaking clearly and at an appropriate speed so they can be understood.

**Numeracy** - We are learning different addition and subtraction strategies this term. We will also be learning about 2D and 3D shape.

**Health and wellbeing** - We will be learning about being a good friend, and how we can include others in our games. In PE, we are focusing on ball skills (passing using feet and hands), and movement skills with Mrs Perrie.

## 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: adequate standard of living; Article 31: leisure, play and culture.

### Key themes to explore

Community and the effect on the environment; Looking after others; Christmas around the world— Australia and Ireland.

### 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	Maths, Pupil groups, Writing
Tuesday	PE, French, Maths, Phonics/Spelling
Wednesday	Maths, Theme, Literacy
Thursday	Maths, Theme, PE, Phonics/Spelling
Friday	Assembly, Maths, Literacy, Circle 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.

