



## Our Term 2 Learning Newsletter

We can't believe it is nearly Christmas, so we wanted to share the fantastic learning that has been happening across our school this term, which has been full of challenge, progress and fun. Each class has contributed with photos and descriptions of what they have been doing in their classrooms.

Thank you to all our teachers, pupil support assistants and pupils for enabling all this amazing learning to happen.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

### P2 (Mrs Russell)

This term in P2R we listened to the story 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' and went outside to collect leaves to create our own hedgehogs. We then found out lots of facts about hedgehogs and had fun in the nature garden creating our own hedgehog homes.



For maths we



have been exploring time, we have made our own clocks, looked at different types of clocks, played games on the iPad and went

outside to draw clocks. We even taught time in our role play school to each other.



For Literacy, we have been reading 'Little Charlie' and acting out the story and drawing maps. We have been focusing on using



descriptive language and describing the places he visited. Our favourite was the train station, where we could chat about our experiences of trains.

### P6/7 (Mr Masterton)

P6/7 have been learning about balances and counterbalances in their gymnastics block in PE. Through this they have also been developing soft skills such as communication, leadership, teamwork, and problem solving. They then went on to develop and perform their own routines including rolls, balances, jumps!



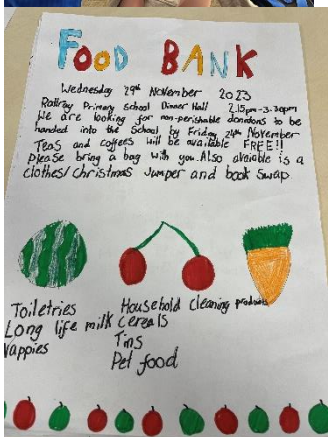
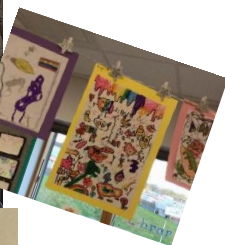


### P6 (Mrs Strachan)

Primary 6 have been working hard this term so far. We have learned lots about space and the different planets in the solar system. We have



created some space themed art work.



As part of our sustainability topic we have been learning about a food bank and how they are relied upon by so many people. We worked on a

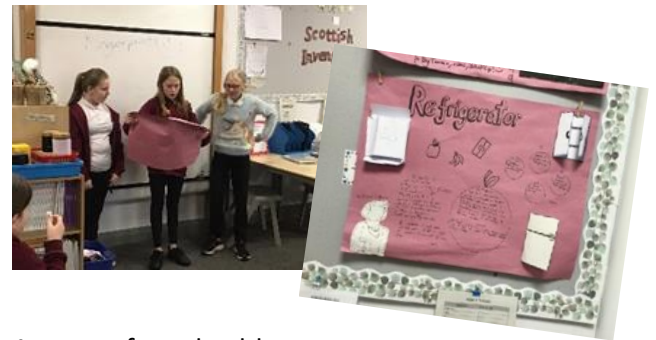
food bank event with P4/5 and P5. The lady from the food bank was in explaining what is in a food parcel. We were able to ask her lots of interesting questions! We had an amazing time on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> November 23, so thank you to all

that contributed and supported this very successful event.

We have created cartoon pictures in the style of advert designer Jon Burgerman! We are thrilled with how they have turned out. We created some adverts on i- movie and are surprised at how well we did with them and how easy it was to create an advert.

### P7 (Mrs Newlands)

This term P7 have been learning about Scottish inventions and how they have impacted our lives today. At the start of our topic, we used our imagination to propose our own inventions. We have also researched and presented information on some of the most influential invention in Scottish history



As part of our health and wellbeing this term we have been sharing our thoughts on success and looking at way to overcome challenges. As part of this lesson, we looked at the story 'Oh the places you'll go' by Dr Seuss. We made posters that included a signpost to where we want to go and what we want to achieve. In P.E we have been swimming and learning aerobic routines. We came up without own group routines and even taught them to P5 which was amazing!



In numeracy, we have been learning a variety of strategies to help us solve different calculations. This week we have been learning about using empty number lines when subtracting.

### P5 (Mrs Johnstone)

Primary 5J have been very busy so far this term. The fire brigade visited us and spoke to us about bonfire and firework safety and showed us the fire engine. We even got the chance to shoot the hose!



P5J are enjoying being part of the National Improvement for Writing initiative. Part of this involves tracking how we are getting on using a run chart. We were delighted to see a shift in our graph which meant we could move onto another target. Our writing is getting fantastic!



As part of our topic on Sustainability, we are organising a clothes swap. We sorted out all the clothes for our event on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November.



### P4/5 (Ms Gregg)

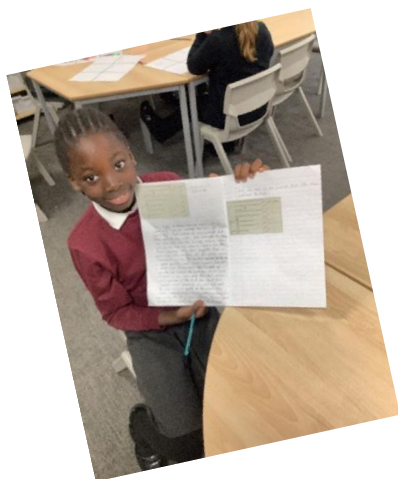


This term P4/5 are studying 'Sustainability', with a special focus on books. As part of this we went to the library where we made an origami frog with recycled books, went on a book hunt and listened to a story about a dragon which was enjoyed by everyone.

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November we had a Book swap which was an excellent event and brought in many members of our school community. Thank you to all that contributed and attended this successful event.

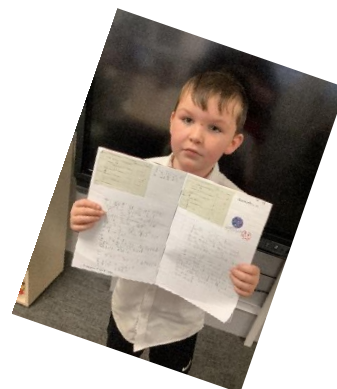
### P4 (Ms Johnstone)

This term P4 have been participating in the National Improvement for Writing programme and have enjoyed writing about a variety of topics including Autumn, Halloween and Harry Potter.



The main focus of our writing has been on improving our punctuation and we have been experimenting with question marks, exclamation

marks and commas. We have all been working very hard and are proud of the progress we have made so far.



In numeracy we have been learning about a variety of different subtraction strategies and have been applying our learning to answer a variety of problem-solving questions. We have recently begun our topic on money and have been learning how to use different combinations of coins to make the same total.

As part of our Enterprise topic, we have been learning about how businesses make a profit. To try and make a profit of our own we have decided to make and sell bookmarks. We want our bookmarks to be made from felt and have a design sown onto them. In preparation for this we have been learning some simple stitches.



### P3 (Mrs Case)

Primary 3 have had a busy start to the term. We have been learning about the changes which happen during Autumn and used this knowledge to create an Acrostic poem and included lots of fantastic adjectives! We also read the 'leaf man' and created our own artwork in response to this.



The class decided they wanted to learn about different sports, in particular, football so we invited a local footballer, Chelsea, into the class to talk to us about how she became a footballer.



In Numeracy, we have been learning about addition and subtraction and have applied our knowledge to create fact family houses. The children have also enjoyed playing mental maths games like 'Around the World' to develop our mental maths strategies.



In writing, we have enjoyed learning about characterisation and have created our own character looking at different aspects such as appearance and personality.

### P2/3 (Ms McCulloch / Miss Gunn)

This term P2/3 have been learning about transport. They have looked at transport from the past and compared this to current transport. They have also been learning how to keep themselves safe near roads, especially in winter, by wearing bright, reflective clothing and boots with grips. They designed their own reflective, winter outfits.



In maths, P2/3 have started to learn how to tell the time. They can tell the time in o'clock and half-past. They have completed activities such as making clocks and used playdough to represent the hands on a clock.



## P1 (Ms Wigmore)

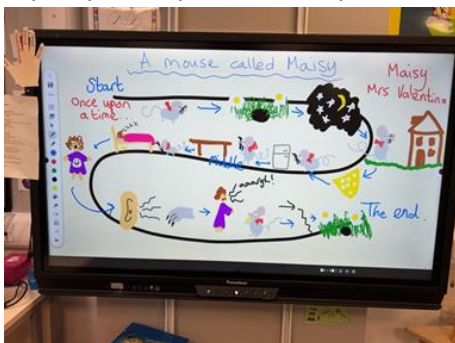
This term the children in P1 have been very busy. In numeracy we have been ordering numbers from 0 to 20 and using addition within 10. The children love the practical and fun side of our numeracy lessons, especially using their own bodies and the large foam numicon pieces as counters.



In mathematics we have been learning about the properties of shapes, both 2D and 3D.



In literacy we have been reading A mouse called Maisy, the children have been practicing their sentence skills and how to use a story map to help retell a story and how to



remember every story needs a beginning middle and an end, please ask your children to tell you the story, they are fantastic at remembering the little details.

In PE we have been learning about ball skills, we are now beginning to play small team games of number football to promote their ability to understand the value of working together to help each other achieve the same goal.



As well as all of our fabulous adult led learning, the children are enjoying our play-based classroom, they are always busy in the areas, often extending their own learning. We are busy learning our nativity songs and can't wait for you to hear them.

**Thank you to all the classes and teachers for contributing to our learning newsletter.**