

# Eigg Primary School Newsletter

September 2019

It's been a really busy start to the new school year here at Eigg Primary School.

## Literacy

In writing this term we have been looking at creative or imaginative writing to tie in with our IDL on 'Space'. Children in Primary 2 and 4 are working to develop their writing to include the characters' feelings, actions and what they look like. In Primary 6 there has been an emphasis on plot structure. The children will also continue to use our school blog to share their learning experiences.

Primary 2 and 4 have been developing their core reading skills and will continue to take home their core reading book. Primary 6 are encouraged to borrow books from the class library to take home. The implementation of a reciprocal teaching approach to reading comprehension will help all of the children to apply four comprehension strategies: summarising, clarifying, questioning, and predicting.

## IDL

Our IDL this term is 'Space'. So far we have explored significant events within space history and created some really cool Solar System art of the planets in order from the sun. The children also took on the role of news reporters on the day of the first moon landing. What's more, we have started to design a new astronaut outfit, considering practicality and functionality. Watch this space!

## Numeracy

We are working on a number of different topics this term that are pitched in line with expectations. All children have been looking at number word sequences as well as addition and subtraction strategies. We have also been busy working hard at fractions. Primary 2 have been learning to recognise and colour halves and quarters on a given shape and Primary 4 and 6 have been developing their understanding of equivalent fractions. We will then go onto learning about place value and time.

## Visitors, Trips and Residential

We have already had lots of exciting visitors to the school this term including Audrey from the Teenage Cancer Trust who came over to thank the children for all their hard work in raising vital funds for young people with cancer in Scotland. We also had a visit from Fiona who works with elephants at Chester Zoo. She spoke to the children about human-elephant conflict and the role of zoos. We learnt lots on our recent visit to the forestry and even got to sit in the incredible tree felling machine while in action. Also, the children have picked enough apples from the orchard to keep them going for quite a while. Lastly, we have our swimming trip coming up soon and we can't wait!

Mr M. Merrick

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information about a particular area of the curriculum.