



Health

We use Emotion Talks to help develop emotional language and strategies with the children.

We do this through group activities and individual discussions based on the needs of the children.

There are Emotion Talks sessions available to parents in Edinburgh. Please let me know if you are interested.

We also use Lego Therapy to support social interactions in a structured environment.

This year we will be having more group lessons and discussions about our emotions and strategies to help the children can relate to each other.



Homework

We encourage the children to broaden their experiences rather than practise what we have been learning in school. You can use this time to discuss their activities or play a game.

I am happy to recommend activities to you that may help support your child but at this stage physical homework can be an added stress at home.

I will normally let you know which sound they have each week, you could play games based on this i.e. "I wonder if we can look for something which begins with t."

There are also many sensory activities which can be calming for your child.



How You Can Help

With children in the language class it is important that we work together to ensure that we are providing the best experiences for your child.

Please do communicate with us through the diary so that we can provide support where necessary.

With our SCERTS approach it is important that we set targets that support the child at home as well as at school. If there is anything that is of particular concern which may require support at home please let me know and we can work together to support your child.

If you have pictures that you or your child would like to share with the class please do email them to me. My email address is:
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CRAIGENTINNY PRIMARY SCHOOL



LC1 Newsletter



Ethos and wider life of the school

At Craigentiny Primary we work very hard to promote a caring and supportive ethos for all of our children and families. In school we focus on our six school values of honesty, equality, resilience, kindness, perseverance and respect. We encourage our pupils to think about these values in all areas of their lives. This session we will be continuing our health programme, Building Resilience and will be developing our Health and Wellbeing Curriculum. Following the information gathered by 'People Know How' we will be working with parents, carers and families to support our children at Craigentiny and make it the best school it can be.

Celebrating wider achievement

We like to be kept informed about experiences children are having outside of school which can be recorded in our Book of Achievement. We also run active clubs after school and would ask you to encourage your child to take part in one or two of these.

Learning and Teaching

Our whole school focus weeks this year will be Scottish Book Week in November and Health and Wellbeing Week in February. There will be Parent Showcase Events after each of the focus weeks to share the children's learning. Following the success last year, we will be inviting you to another Family Challenge Evening in January.

Other

Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school every day. Also remember that school lunch choices need to be made online by Wednesday midnight the week before. We have no control over this and late orders cannot be taken.

Stephanie Dean —Head Teacher



Below is information specific to your child's class.

	<p><u>Weekly Timetable</u></p> <p>Monday: Outdoor learning for 4 weeks Tuesday: Assembly every other week Wednesday: All of the children will have one block of swimming at some point this year. Most of these dates will fall on Thursday: Topic Friday: Sensory activities</p> <p>Note: The children have very different timetables, I will indicate in diaries about any specific activities for your child.</p>
	<p><u>The Curriculum: Language</u></p> <p>As you will be aware each child in our class is working within their own levels with activities and learning differentiated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing will focus on sentence structure using colourful semantics • Spelling—we will continue to follow the literacy rich structure • Reading—pupils will be encouraged to be more independent. We will be developing vocabulary through Word Boost books <p>We are using rotations within our lessons to ensure that every child's needs are met using a multi-sensory approach</p>
	<p><u>The Curriculum: Maths</u></p> <p>As with literacy our learning outcomes are varied for each child. In general we will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical activities will be used to explore all areas of Maths • Pupils will have opportunities for individual, paired and group work to develop skills in number, measurement, data analysis and fractions • Mental maths activities to develop sound strategies <p>As with Literacy we have introduced rotations into Maths this year. This allows children to experience more within our multi-sensory approach.</p>
	<p><u>Topics Being Covered</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safari • Toys • The Human body (with some living and growing) • Food and Enterprise <p>This year topic will take more of a back seat as we move our focus onto: life and social skills; gross motor skills (with toileting); and emotion talks.</p>