

Lochyside RC Primary School

Class Newsletter

Class: Primary 3/4

Date: Dec 2015

This term has been very busy going into the Christmas season.

In **Social Studies** the children were interested in how animals and people survive in Arctic regions and hotter parts of the world. The children used the laptops to complete some research about their chosen polar animal. They had to record their facts in a leaflet for others to read.



In **Science** we have been looking at the differences between living and non-living things. We have explored habitats as part of our climate topic and have also started to look at the different types of vertebrates.

In **French** we have learned some topic words for Halloween and Christmas. We played games that have helped us learn. We have tried to use French everyday for the date and sometimes for the weather.



We have developed our **Literacy skills** by writing in different styles; in functional writing we wrote bonfire safety rules, in imaginative writing we wrote stories about penguins and polar bears and for personal writing we've written about our Christmas traditions.

We have continued to make some improvement with our handwriting. We have been working very hard on our spelling, both in class and at home. We will learn some new games to play next term.

We visit the school library and now have our first library books. We have been reading on our own for longer periods of time using the library environment.

Expressive Arts

In **Music** we have had regular visits from the Kodaly music teacher. We have had great fun learning about rhythm and beat. We've played lots of games to reinforce our knowledge. The photo below shows us playing the Peapod game.



We have also learned lots of wonderful songs for our Christmas show.

In **Art** we made beautiful Christmas jars to sell at the Christmas Fair. We painted pictures of St Andrew to help us tell his story at the St Andrews Day Assembly. We further explored with paint to make different colours from the primary colours.

In **P.E** we have extended our knowledge of a variety of ball skills with Mrs Chisolm and Mr Sturrock.

In **RME** some of our children celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children did very well on the day telling the congregation all about their chosen saint. We had a lovely gathering at the school afterwards. For St Andrews day we told the story of St Andrew at the school Assembly. Performing the Christmas play has helped us learn about Jesus and the significance of Christmas.



Maths

The children have continued to develop their **Mental Maths** skills. Our main focus is multiplication and division and their knowledge of the times tables has really improved and they are recognising the connection between multiplication and division. We have been learning about Time; learning about o'clock and half past times and quarter to and quarter past for most of the P3's and time in 5 minute intervals for the older children. We have finished off our work on Information Handling and are continuing practical work in measure.

We wish you all a very
Happy Christmas!