

## Primary 2 class newsletter, Term 1

Dear families,

Welcome back to the new term at Uryside School.

In this letter you will find useful information about this term's learning.

### **Literacy**

In listening and talking this term the children will focus on using an appropriate voice to talk in the classroom particularly when speaking aloud in class discussion or presentations. The children will receive information about presentations in their home learning.

In writing we will start to encourage the children to form their letters correctly and use capital letters and full stops. These writing skills will support the children with their work on stories this term. We will also be working hard on phonics skills and helping the children to use their sounds for spelling. Please encourage your child to write as much as possible, using their sounds, helping you with lists for shopping or notes for friends and relatives.

For home learning the children will bring home some common spelling words to practise and write in sentences as well as phonics words. Please encourage the children to complete these tasks as they will support their writing and reading activities.

In reading the children will bring home books to share with you. Please try to read with your child and talk to them about their books to develop their comprehension skills. Help them to read books from home as well as their school book and encourage them to sit next to you while you read a story, pointing to the words as you read.

### **Mathematics**

This term we will be developing number skills to 10 and 20. We will develop money addition and subtraction skills within 20 as well as starting to look at positional language that is first, second etc as well as left and right. In mental maths we will be counting forwards and backwards and thinking about numbers before and after.

To help your child with their mathematics you could encourage them to take part in the following activities.

Count with them up to 20 starting from different numbers.

Talk to them about positions in queues or when lining up.

Look at numbers in the environment and ask them one more or one less.

The website [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) has games with ordering and sequencing numbers.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

This term we will be embedding the school vision and values by concentrating on working together and always doing our best work as we consider how these skills will help us in the future. We will also be kind to all members of the class and show respect to our peers and adults in the school. Please encourage your child to demonstrate these values at home and praise them when appropriate.

### **Learning across the curriculum**

Our topic this term is Night. We will use stories to stimulate children's interest and then consider nocturnal animals, creative writing, time and the effect of the sun on our environment. Please talk to the children about the shortening of the days and animals that come out at night.

### **Housekeeping**

Home learning will come home on a Monday and be handed in on the following Friday. PE will be on Monday, but it is useful if the children have their PE kits, including gym shoes, named and in school all week. It is important that gym shoes have non - marking soles. Outdoor shoes are not suitable for use on our gym floors. Children will also need named art aprons in school. This term Excellence Time will take place on Friday afternoon.

Please ensure all school uniform is named.

### **Finally...**

We are all looking forward to the new term at Uryside and getting to know all the children in our new class.

If you have any questions, or would like to come into the classroom to talk to us, or to help with any activities, please let us know, either through the reading diary or by calling the office.

Mrs Johnston and Mrs Duthie