

Primary 1 Learning Newsletter - Term 2

Hope you all had a lovely October holiday and are ready for a busy term ahead. In this letter you will find useful information about this term's learning.

Literacy

This term we will continue to learn our sounds with the help of Mr Fox and the Cat in the Hat. We will learn a group of sounds followed by a consolidation week. We will work on letter formation and begin blending sounds together in order to make words.

<u>Week beginning</u>	<u>Sounds</u>	<u>Common & Tricky Words</u>
28.10.19	c & k	can, we, into
04.11.19	g & l	go, got get
11.11.19	f & o	if, for, on
18.11.19	consolidation	consolidation
25.11.19	b & u	be, but, you
02.12.19	h & w	was, went, his
09.12.19	consolidation	consolidation
16.12.19	consolidation	consolidation

We will continue to introduce new core words to complement the reading books. Please ensure you practise these along with the reading books. We would love if you could write a short comment in your child's reading record book when you have heard them read. This is a great way for us to see how they are getting on at home too. Our focus in reading this term will be:

- Retell the main events in the story
- Know how a sentence starts and ends and recognise simple punctuation
- Ask and answer simple questions for understanding

In writing, the children will be encouraged to sound out and write words independently as well as labelling their drawings. Our focus this term will be:

- Using the correct letter formation
- Being able to tell us about their writing/drawings
- Showing some confidence in attempting to label pictures with the sounds they have learned; this could be initial sounds, sounding the whole word or write a simple sentence.

Maths

We will be working within numbers to ten this term focusing on recognition, formation and understanding. We will begin to introduce concepts such as addition and subtraction within these numbers and explore number bonds to ten. Alongside this we will continue to be counting to and beyond 20. We will also begin to explore 2D and 3D shapes.

This will be done through active games, songs, rhymes and the use of concrete materials such as numicon.



★ **Health and Wellbeing**

★ This term P1a and P1b have PE on a Monday with Mr Fullarton. P1c will have PE with Mrs Fowler
★ on a Wednesday. Please can all children come to school dressed for PE on their day and they
★ will stay in their PE kit for the whole day. Children will also need to have indoor PE shoes which
★ they will change into before their lesson. This term primary 1 will be learning about health
★ related fitness activities.

★ We will continue to think about feelings and being kind to one another both in the classroom
★ and in the playground. We are thinking about how to be responsible citizens and good friends
★ to one another. We will be exploring safety awareness when out and about and in the dark. We
★ will also focus on anti-bullying. This will be covered through stories, practical activities and
★ circle time discussions.

★ **Learning across the Curriculum**

★ This term our main focus will be finding out about various festivals and traditions that
★ happen during the autumn and winter seasons. We will learn about why we have special
★ festivals/traditions, when and how they are celebrated.

★ We will shortly begin work on our Nativity 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. Our nativity performance
★ will be on Wednesday 11th December in the afternoon and Thursday 12th December in the
★ morning. More information on this will follow in due course.

★ P1a and P1b will have Drama with Mrs Charleton on a Wednesday and P1c will have drama with
★ Mrs Kinghorn on a Monday. We will be focusing on confidence when talking and performing in
★ front of others.

★ We will also have science with Mrs Bisset on a Tuesday who will be exploring space. They will
★ also be looking at toys and learning about how they are made.

★ **Home Learning**

★ Home learning sound book and sound ring will come home on a Friday to be returned on a
★ Thursday. Reading days will be Tuesday and Friday this term. Reading practise will be noted
★ in the reading records.

★ **See-Saw**

★ Primary 1 have started to use see-saw to record what they have been learning in school. Each
★ week the children choose something that they are proud of to record on their profiles. The
★ children are enjoying adding pictures to their profiles and we hope you are enjoying accessing
★ their profiles at home.

★ **Support Learning**

★ Please try to support your child's learning at home, here are some ideas to try.

★ Literacy

★ - Use the sound ring to practise sounds and blend words.



