

Primary 2 class newsletter, Term 2

Dear families,

Welcome back to the Autumn term.

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

Literacy

In listening and talking this term, the children will again focus on using an appropriate voice to talk in the classroom as well as redeveloping listening skills when others are speaking.

In writing, children will continue to practise forming their letters correctly and it would be lovely if you could encourage the children to use their developing writing skills at home by asking them to write lists or notes to help you. We are also continuing our work on sentence construction reinforcing the use of capital letters and full stops and also building a vocabulary of phonics words and common words. These writing skills will support the children in recounts and narratives. As in the previous term, we will be working hard on phonics skills and helping children to use their sounds for spelling. Please encourage the children to practise their spellings at home.

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

In reading, the children will bring home books to share with you. Please try to read these each day with your child and talk to them about their book to develop their comprehension skills. Help them 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 building on addition and subtraction skills within 20. 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 number in the environment and ask them one more or one less.

The website www.topmarks.co.uk has games with ordering and sequencing numbers.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will continue to look at friendships and understand the importance of fairness linked to caring and sharing. We will start to understand about how feelings change in different situations and how to respond to these feelings. The children will start to understand that they have rights but that they must use these rights responsibly whilst considering others.

We are going to explore and discuss the different foods we eat for special occasions.

Learning across the curriculum

Our topic this term is 'Here and Now'. We will discuss bonfire night and safety issues as well as using this as a stimulus for art work with a particular focus on line and pattern. We will also look at reflective materials and how these help to keep us safe. We will continue to discuss how the seasons change and by observing the pattern of the sun, look at the effect this has on our days and nights. We will also look at celebrations and festivals that take place through winter.

Housekeeping

Home learning will come home on a Monday and be handed in on the following Friday. PE will be on Monday, but it would be useful if Primary 2B could come in dressed in the PE kits. Please could Primary 2A have their PE kits, including gym shoes, named and in school all week. It is important that gym shoes have non - marking soles. As we mentioned previously, 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 that all school uniform is named.

Finally...

We have enjoyed the first term, getting to know all the children and welcoming some new members to our class. If you have any questions, or would like to come into the classroom to talk to us, or help with any activities; please let us know, either through the reading diary or by calling the office.

We are always happy to see you.

Mrs Johnston and Mrs Duthie