

Primary 1 Learning Newsletter - Term 3

Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for the start of a new year. In this letter you will find useful information about this term's learning.

Literacy

This term we will learn 4 sounds each week with a focus on tricky words on a Friday. We will consolidate every few weeks to ensure the sounds are embedded. We will work on letter formation and continue to blend sounds together in order to make 3 and 4 letter words.

The following is a list of sounds and words we will be learning in the first half of term 3.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Sounds</u>	<u>Common & Tricky Words</u>
<u>beginning</u>		
06.01.20	ss, ll, ff, ck	no, to, she
13.01.20	j, v, y, x	he, we, me, be
20.01.20	z, zz, qu	they, her
27.01.20	ch, sh, th, ng	that, with, them
03.02.20	ai, ee, igh, oa	this, then, much
10.02.20	consolidation	consolidation
17.02.20	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:

- I can recognise simple punctuation marks.
- I can blend groups of phonemes to read words.
- I can ask and answer questions about something of interest to them.
- I can share thoughts about characters and events.

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.

Math

We will be working on 2D and 3D shape and patterns. We will be exploring adding and taking away from and within 10. As well as this, we will be counting to and back from 20 and recognising a range of numbers. Alongside this we will be doubling and halving numbers and looking at odd and even numbers. 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 a range of
★ gymnastic skills.

★ 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 explore likes and dislikes and the importance of sharing. We will also
★ be setting personal targets and good practice for the new year. This will be covered through
★ stories, practical activities and circle time discussions.

★ **Learning across the Curriculum**

★ This term we will focus on a range of topics. We will start the term learning about some
★ Scottish traditions and the children will be encouraged to learn a Scottish poem
★ independently. Primary 1 will take part in an informal ceilidh to celebrate Burn's Night. We
★ will then go onto learn about toys in the past, present and future.

★ P1a and P1b will have Drama with Mrs Charleton on a Wednesday and P1c will have music with
★ Mrs Kinghorn and Mrs Kelman on a Monday. P1a, P1b and P1c will have RME with Mrs Allan and
★ Mrs Fowler on a Wednesday. The RME focus will be learning about a range of well known bible
★ stories.

★ **Outdoor Learning**

★ This term our outdoor learning focus will reflect on the learning going in the classroom as
★ well as the children's interests. We are planning to create a music station outside the P1
★ classrooms. We would ask if you have any old pots, pans, baking trays, colanders, cutlery etc
★ that you are no longer using; if you could hand in to the Primary 1 teachers.

★ **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 are continuing 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. They are now becoming independent by adding their own
★ entries onto their profiles.





★ **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.
- ★ - Practise core words little and often. Match these words with reading books.
- ★ - Practise correct letter formation
- ★ - Enjoy a book together.
- ★ - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

★ Numeracy

- ★ - Practise number formation and recognition up to 10.
- ★ - Practise counting through songs, rhymes, games, etc.
- ★ - Identify shapes in the environment

★ Thank you for your support,

★ Mrs Scott, Miss Jack, Mrs Kinghorn & Mrs Fowler

