

Primary 2a and 2b class newsletter, Term 3

Dear families,

Welcome back to the Spring 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. This term we will be encouraging the children to prepare talking boxes to share with the class.

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 previously, 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. 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 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 addition and subtraction skills to 20 and extending this to 40. The children will also be starting to learn about measurement in length, volume and capacity.

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

Count with them starting from different numbers.

Use different types of plastic containers at bath time and fill with water to see which holds most. Look at measurements by comparing heights and lengths.

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

Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be talking about babies and how they change and grow. We will think about how we look after babies and what babies eat and drink. We will also consider how babies are different to children by thinking about what the children can do that babies cannot.

Learning across the curriculum

Our topic this term is Cold Lands. We will look at different types of animals, their habitats and how they survive. We will also discover countries which experience the coldest weather.

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...

If you have any questions, or would like to come into the classroom to talk to us, or help with any activities related to our topics, 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