Primary 2 Newsletter – Term 2

Welcome to the second instalment of the Primary 2 newsletter. Our second term has already crept up on us so quickly as time is flying by this year. We all hope you had an enjoyable and restful October break, allowing for some time to recharge and be ready for learning upon return.

Literacy

Writing – In writing we will continue to use a 'Talk for Writing' approach. We will be doing a block of imaginative writing this term. We are continuing to make sure our letters are formed properly, on the lines and are the appropriate size. We are also remembering to use capital letters and full stops.

Phonics – We are carrying on our final blends, including end blends (e.g. nk, ng, rk, lt) and consonant blends at the start of words (e.g. bl, cl, sw, sm). We are going to move onto Magic e (e.g. same, came, home, tone). We will also be focusing on the introduction/consolidation of tricky words to support the development of sight recognition of key words when reading.

Reading – Please remember to hand in your Red Reading Book Bag on a Friday so that the reading books can be added in to go home on Monday.

Listening and Talking – We will continue to have Circle Time which allows learners to share something they may be enjoying at school or at home. During Circle Time we practise being respectful to one another with good listening skills.

Health and Wellbeing

This term we are covering Looking after Plants and Animals. We will also be covering People who help me and look after me as part of our RSHP series of lessons. We will be looking at:

- Looking after Plants and Animals
  - Looking after plants
  - Learning about life cycles
  - Looking after pets

  https://rshp.scot/first-level/#Lookingafterplantsandanimals
- People who help me and look after me
  - People who are special to me
  - When I have a question or a worry
  - Professional People

  https://rshp.scot/first-level/#peoplewhohelpmeandlookafterme

PE is on a Monday and Thursday. Please can children come to school dressed for PE on these days.

Numeracy and Maths

This term we will be building on our knowledge of place value gained last term to move on to addition and subtraction. We will be looking at a range or strategies to help complete addition and subtraction calculations within 100.

In Maths we will look at Handling Data. We will work on interpreting data and using it to answer questions and gain greater understanding of information.

Learning across the Curriculum

Throughout this term there are many seasonal elements to be learning about. We will cover Halloween, Bonfire Nights and Firework Safety, Festivals of Light such as Diwali, Hannukkah and Christmas. These will al provide rich contexts for learning and many opportunities for writing, drama, arts and crafts.

Wider Achievements

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know. As well as sharing this in class on our 'Reach For The Stars' board the school also holds regular achievement assemblies.

Names on clothes

Please ensure that children have their all clothing clearly labelled. Children need a change of shoes for indoor use.

Specialists

On Monday we get Mr Morris for PE. On Thursday we get Miss Renker for French.

Ideas to Support Home Learning

LITERACY:

Tricky words and sound flashcards as often as possible
Word building/blending practise using sounds we have learned
Sharing stories together – parents modelling expression, punctuation
We also recommend accessing the following websites, to support home learning:

NUMERACY:
https://www.khanacademy.org/
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/
http://www.sumdog.com/
https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

GENERAL:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

LITERACY:
http://www.pobble365.com/
https://www.getepic.com/
https://www.teachyourmonster.org/
https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

If there is anything at all that you may have questions or queries about please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

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