Primary 1 Parent Newsletter Term 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely October break. We kicked off this term with lots of Halloween fun. Thank you for the effort with costumes and pumpkins, the children seemed to really enjoy the Pupil Council's activities! We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of fun Christmas activities. We will begin our Nativity rehearsals very soon. Please continue to check our Sway for Term 2. This will keep you updated on what we are learning in class.

Family Conferences - Tuesday 19th/20th November

Christmas Show - Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th December

Christmas party - Wednesday 19th December

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be learning about medicines and harmful substances. We will also be discussing ways of getting help in unsafe situations and emergencies.

ICT

Now that we have our Login details, we will be practising logging onto the computers independently. If you can support your child to practise typing their full name, this would be beneficial. We have been using Purple Mash software to draw and create simple animations. This term we will also be trying some simple coding activities.

Physical Education

PE days are still Thursday and Friday. We are working on fitness this term and moving onto Dance, nearer Christmas.

Reading

We are progressing really well with our reading and some of us have started reading books. We are practising our key words in class through various games, worksheets and flashcards and it would be really beneficial if these were practised at home too. As books start to come home, please encourage your child to read and discuss the story as much as possible. For extra practise, the books we send home will not have been read in class.

Expressive Arts

This year we will be learning and performing a Christmas Nativity. We are excited to be able to welcome you to our performance at the Baptist Church on Tuesday 10^{th} and Thursday 14th December. Details will follow.





Maths and Numeracy

We will continue to practise our number formation. We will learn how to count forwards and backwards to 20/30 and beyond. We will also learn how to use different strategies for addition and subtraction within 10 and beyond. In Maths, we will estimate and compare length, height, mass and capacity, and measure using non-standard units.

Writing/Spelling/Phonics

Our handwriting is really improving and we are all able to copy under a grown-up's writing. As we learn more about blending the sounds together some of us will begin to try to read and write words independently. We will continue to focus on recount and descriptive writing.



Topic

We will continue to refer to the Calendar of Events. This term these include; Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance, Scottish Book Week, World Science week and Christmas.

<u>Meta-skills</u>

We are continuing our learning about meta-skills and why they are so important. We have been introduced to 'Meta-skill Land' and will look at all 12 meta-skills in turn through the use of characters and storytelling. We will refer to these throughout our play.

French

This term we will be learning numbers 0-10, colours and all about Christmas in France.