



Term 2 Parent Newsletter Primary 1

Welcome to Term 2!

We have had a great start back to the term all the pupils have settled really well and we have had lots of spooky Halloween fun.

There are many different events taking place this festive season and we will replicate them in the Learning Centre to ensure pupil involvement.

As the weather changes please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing. We are more than happy for any puddle suits or wellies to be left in school if this helps.

Mail drop day is a Friday, if your child has any letters they will come home in their coloured folder. Please send your child's mail drop folder back in to school the following week.

Curriculum

The children will be working on and following their own individual targets and milestones throughout the term. We will discuss these in more detail at the Learner's Conference appointments. These will be targeted through our play-based approach - you will get to see many photos of our learning.

Our IDL focus is The Senses. We will explore sound, taste, touch, sight and smell through different contexts to provide the pupils with a wide variety of opportunities and experiences. We will use many sensory play activities both indoors and outdoors. We also have a focus on Halloween, Bonfire night and Christmas. Each afternoon will have a different focus of Music, Art, Nature walks, Food Prep and Sensory stories.

Where appropriate and possible we will take the children to join their mainstream class, we may also have some of their peers join us for play in the learning centre. This will look different for each child as we factor in each child's individual needs when planning this.

P.E

Mrs Irvine-McLean, our P.E specialist, will be taking the class for P.E on a Monday morning. Please ensure your child is sent to school in appropriate clothing that they will be comfortable exercising in.

Staffing

Class teachers will be Mrs Hooper on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs McIlorum on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Smith, Mrs Bell, Mrs Bendamane and Mrs Williams will be the learning assistants within the room this term to support us with our learning.

At times there may be other adults in the classroom, including specialists such as speech and language therapists.

Meta-Skills

As part of our health and wellbeing work, our Meta-skills focus this term will be communicating. With the support of Deborah Little from Speech and Language we will be looking at the core boards we use with the pupils and focussing on intensive interaction.



Communication

This term we are hoping our Evisense App will be fully up and running and we should be emailing out log in details in the next couple of weeks. We will still use e-mail to communicate and pictures in the meantime.

Please ensure you inform the office of any absence or appointments.

You can contact Mrs McIlorum on - gw13mcilorumlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk and Mrs Hooper on gw18hooperlisa@ea.dumgal.sch.uk