

P1 Newsletter ~ Term 2

It's Term 2! Boo - Bang - Ho Ho Ho!

We had a wonderful first term getting to know everyone and beginning our learning journey at Heathhall School. This term we are looking forward to lots of exciting events, including Halloween, Fireworks Night and Christmas! We will also continue developing our skills in literacy, numeracy, health and well-being, and across other areas of learning.

Reminders

Please make sure all items brought to school are clearly named.

Children should have a coat with them every day as we are regularly taking our learning outdoors.

Snack should be limited to 1 item that children can eat in the 10 minute slot we have.

Please send your child to school with a filled water bottle – water only.

Absences and trips to doctors/dentist etc. must be logged with the office via phone call or the expressions app.

Homework

Homework folders are collected in on a Wednesday and handed back out on a Friday.

Tasks will vary for individual children/groups, but for now the class will all have reading books and sound tubs. Over this term they will also get Tricky Words to learn. This will help with their reading and writing.

The most valuable aspect of homework is the time spent with your child. We suggest around 10 minutes a night.

Reading books and sound tubs should come to school every day. We use them regularly in class and children are building independence in using the resources and ensuring they are organised.

PE

Our PE days are a Wednesday and a Thursday.

Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. Your child can come to school wearing their trainers also. The children will remain in their kits for the whole day, you may wish to layer them up with joggers and a jumper.

All earrings should be removed before school on these days (unless they are within the 6-week initial window when they must be taped over). Long hair must be tied back.

Lunch

Lunch orders need to be placed online each week using iPayimpact. If you are having any issues accessing this please get in touch with the school office. If your child is having a packed lunch, please indicate this on iPayimpact also.

Remember we are a nut free school

Spare Clothing

If your child wishes to play on the pitch this term, including the trim trail, they must have a pair of waterproof trousers. These will be kept in school and sent home when needing cleaned.

Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled. This includes shoes, hats and gloves.

As the weather turns colder, please consider sending your child with multiple layers. Children must bring a waterproof coat to school every day.

Please send plenty of spare socks as we run out quickly on wet weather days.

Who's teaching today?

Class organisation remains the same this term...

Mon & Tues – Mrs Rudd
Wed – Mrs Woods (am) Mrs Rudd (pm)
Thurs & Fri – Mrs Woods

What will we be learning?

Literacy - *Revising the sounds we have covered and learning new sounds *Letter formation
*Blending sounds to read words *Segmenting words into sounds to write them *Learning to
read Tricky Words *Writing in new contexts (descriptions, recipes, reports, etc) *French
greetings (Hello, my name is...), classroom language, Christmas in France

Maths - *Identifying and recognising numbers *Counting from 0-30+ and 20-0 *Numeral
formation *Ordering numbers 0-20+ forwards and backwards *Partitioning numbers *Time -
days of the week, months of the year, seasons *Names and properties of 2D Shapes
*Recognising and creating pattern

Health and Wellbeing - *Staying safe at night *Firework and bonfire safety *Identifying the
different emergency services and knowing when and how we can contact them *Identifying
substances that are safe and unsafe *Identifying the people who can administer medicines

Exp Arts - Art *Making artwork that demonstrates symmetry, pattern and shape *Using a
variety of tool and materials to create artwork Dance *Follow and copy movements *Take
part in class/group dances *Make movements for a specific task (animal, toy, etc) Music
*Play a simple instrument along with music *Use technology to make music

Technologies - *How to stay safe online *Using a personal password to log in and keeping it
safe *parts of a computer/iPad/camera *Developing independence in accessing games/apps

Interdisciplinary Learning - As part of our child-led learning focus the class has chosen the
context of 'Celebrations'. We will be researching and learning about religious and non-
religious celebrations from a variety of cultures and their traditions.

If you have questions or wish to discuss
anything with us you can email

Mrs Rudd on gw15ruddalandh@ed.dumgal.sch.uk

or

Mrs Woods on

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Important dates

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November – Children in Need
(more info to come)

Thursday 27th November – Library Visit

Friday 28th November – Dress Down Day
(Christmas Hamper Donation)

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dress
Down Day (£1 Donation)

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December – P1, P1/2 and P2
Christmas Party

Friday 19th December – Dress Down Day (no
donation)

Friday 19th December - End of Term!

The 'C' Word

We know it is a little bit early, but we would like
to make you aware of our Christmas Card
guidelines.

Please do not send in individual cards for each
child in the class – we do not have the capacity
to support handing these out. If you wish, a
card for the class can be sent in and it will be
displayed.

Our week in P1

Mon

Football Pitch slot

Tues

Willow Dome slot

Wed

PE with Mrs Rudd
*children should
come dressed for
PE

Thurs

Football Pitch slot
PE with Mrs Woods
*children should
come dressed for
PE

Fri

MUGA and Shed
slots
Assembly (every
2nd week)