

Primary 1/2T Class Newsletter

Term 3 2021

Here are some comments about what children learned and experienced last term.

Annie "When we sang away in a manger, that was my favourite. I was a little bit shy to go on the stage but then I was brave."

Amelia "I liked going over to the Academy because my sister's at the Academy."

Lewis "I know how to count to 19. I am learning to count to 100 but I can't do it yet."

Alexander "I think my sentences are getting better."

Amber "I can read more words. To read a new book."

Samuel "I like playing with my friends and I like school and I can count to 100. The teachers help and I get settled into school well."

Harrison "I'm better at writing out my name."

Kerr "Going up on the stage in front of the grown ups."

OUR TERM 3 FOCUS

Literacy

Early Level

This term we will be revising all single sounds (letters of the alphabet). Children should have a copy of each sound flashcard in their bag; you can use these to build 3 letter words. We have begun letter formation (writing). We will teach these in groups of similar letters; for example, c o a d g q all start similarly. We will be sending home 'tricky words' this term. These are words children cannot sound out. Learning these is an essential part of reading and practising these with your child will allow them to begin reading in class.

First Level

In reading we have been learning how to summarise and will continue to revise diagraphs, tricky words and blends. In writing we will continue to develop our descriptions and revise formation of uppercase letters.

Show and Tell will begin at the end of January. Children will be invited to talk about their favourite toy/ certificate/ photo or item from home. They will be expected to introduce themselves and their theme, use eye contact, a clear voice, say at least 3 pieces of information and answer simple questions.

Numeracy

We will continue to revise our mental maths strategies working with numbers within 10 - 100 before moving on to addition within 5/10/20 For early level this will begin by adding together small collections of items. The words we will be focussing on with be 'how many altogether' 'add' and 'equals'.

Mrs Gratton will be teaching Measure, beginning with length, on a Wednesday morning.

Topic

Throughout January we will be finding out about Scotland; learning to recognise the Saltire flag and identifying Scotland on a map. We will be exploring Scottish themes including Scots language, food, music and culture through a range of activities and stories. After this, we will look at comparing our lives in Scotland to the lives of children in France. We will learn about the food and begin to learn some French words and phrases.

Reading

We share stories every day, this term we will be learning lots of Scots language words through our Scots poem and Scottish stories.

Here are a few of the titles we will be covering:

Bagpipes and Boggles
The Gruffalo's Wean
Hamish the Highland Coo
Katie Morag stories



Any other important information:

Scots Poem

All children will choose a Scots Poem to learn and recite as part of a class competition. Class winners will be invited to perform in front of the school.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Monday or Tuesday in blue bags. Reading books, for those who are currently reading, will be sent home on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring your blue bags every day in case there are any letters etc. which need to be sent home.