

# Primary 1/2T Class Newsletter

Term 4 2023

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

James "I liked seeing the old sweetie shop when we walked around Stranraer."

Harrison "I liked the tadpoles. They were in the 'eggs' then they hatched."

Dylan "I've been learning to say 'Bonjour!' It means 'Hello!'"

Olivia McCrae "I liked the tadpoles because they had long tails."

Adam "I liked learning about money so when you're bigger you know what the pounds and the 'pence's' are if they're mixed together in your wallet."

Alexander "I liked the Science Lab because we could make cool potions."

Willow "I liked the tadpoles because they were interesting and cool to watch."

Alex "I enjoyed doing head, shoulders, knees and toes in French."

Patryk "I have learned money. We were counting the coins."

Eva "We went to the library and we sang a song and listened to a story."

Libby "I liked the tadpoles because they can swim fast."

Jax "I like to play with the train set with Lewis and Samuel."

Samuel "I like making wiggly worms and cakes in the playdough."

Lewis "I loved the science because my potion exploded."

## OUR TERM 4 FOCUS

### Literacy

In early level we will be continuing with blending and tricky words to support the develop of reading. We will be encouraging children to write simple sentences and will discuss the importance of finger spaces and full stops. Capital letters are being introduced and children are learning to recognise them and match them to the lower case letter.

In first level we will be continuing to work on initial blends e.g. fl in flat, tw in twig etc. We will continue to focus on sentence writing developing this by adding connectives (and, but, so, because) to help make our writing more interesting.

### Maths

Children will be learning about how to subtract within 5/10/20. Early level will begin by subtracting 0 and 1 mentally, then with 5. First level will revise subtraction within 5 and 10 with a focus on becoming more confident when subtracting mentally. We will then begin to revise what we have covered over the year and introduce numbers within 20/100/1000. Mrs Gratton will be covering time over the coming weeks.

### My Body

This term our focus will be on learning about our body, the parts of the body and how they work. We will cover the five senses, internal organs as well as what we can do to keep ourselves fit and healthy.

### Reading

Supporting your child's reading at home:  
In class we talk about our 'Reading Animals' such as 'Eagle Eye' and 'Stretchy Snake'. They help us to remember different strategies to decode words.

P1/2 have regular sessions with their paired reading partners as well as daily opportunities to practise their reading or pre-reading skills.



### Any other important information:

Monday 1st May May Day Holiday - school closed

Friday 5th May— Red White and Blue Coronation Day

Monday 8th May Celebration for King's Coronation - school closed

Friday 26th May Pre Fun Day - for children within school hours

Wednesday 7th June Sports Day morning P4-P7; afternoon P1-P3 (alternate 14th June) Nursery to be confirmed

Thursday 8th June P1/2 class trip— Threave Gardens

Wednesday 14th June Family Drop-in 3:10 to 4:10 pm

Friday 30th June last day of term. Pupils return Tuesday 22nd August