

Primary 1/2 Class Newsletter

Term 2 2023

Something I learned last term was...

- "I learned all about numbers to 100" - Isaac
- "I liked learning about 2D shapes and 3D objects" - Adam
- "I liked describing the Colour Monster during writing." - Olivia
- "I loved reading in my reading group" - Kerr
- "I liked making chocolate playdough on Roald Dahl Day" - Eva
- "I have learned lots of new sounds." - Demi
- "We learned about pointillism in art." - Libby
- "I like counting and putting the numbers in order." - Seth
- "I have learned how to write numbers." - Elliot
- "I like drawing pictures and writing letters." - Sarah
- "We were dribbling balls in P.E" - Dylan
- "I learned how to break codes using numbers and letters." - Noelle
- "I liked when Lighthouse Musicians visited us." - Lucy

Our Term 2 Focus

Literacy

P1—This term we will finish learning our single sounds and introduce formation of letters. We group the formation according to letters which are formed similarly. This is the formation grouping: **l t i j; c o a d g q; r n m h b p k; u y; w v; e s f x z**. We will begin to learn tricky words (words which cannot be sounded out) and will continue to blend 3 letter words (CVC consonant, vowel, consonant).

P2— This term we will be looking at final blends: **ld, lk, lp, lt** and focus on being able to put words into alphabetical order. P2 will then learn about proper and common nouns in more depth. We will continue to work on descriptive writing and ensure we are including an opening and concluding statement before moving on to writing information reports.

Numeracy

P1—We will begin to learn about addition within 5. We will practise adding 0, 1 and small doubles mentally. We will also use concrete materials to extend and reinforce this knowledge. We will continue to revise working within 10 with a focus on numbers before, after and in-between.

P2— We will begin to focus on addition and subtraction using a range of different strategies (small doubles, near doubles, ten plus facts etc). Throughout, we will refer to the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction.

Topic

We will be covering events, festivals and celebrations which take place during the beginning of November including Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and the season of Autumn. As part of our Christmas topic this year we will be learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. If you have connections to other countries that you would like to share with us, please let us know. Additionally, we will have a large focus on Expressive Arts as we work towards our Christmas Concert.

READING FOCUS

The P1 book bags contain *Five Bears* by Catherine Rayner, *Penelope Snoop*, *Ace Detective* by Pamela Butchart and *Christine Roussey* and *My First Book of Minibeasts* by Zoë Ingram. The P2 book bags contain *Where Has All the Cake Gone?* by Andrew Sanders and *Aysha Awwad* and *The Dragon Who Didn't Like Fire* by Gemma Merino. We will explore these in class and hope you enjoy reading them at home too!

P2 have been exploring the importance of punctuation in a piece of text and have been retelling the beginning, middle and end of a story, whilst highlighting the main ideas.



IMPORTANT TO KNOW

Miss Pritchard is in class every day, Mrs Miller is in P1/2 on Wednesday afternoons.

P1/2 have P.E in the school hall on Tuesday afternoons and have regular outdoor sessions throughout the week. Children in P1/2 do not get changed for P.E.

Please continue to return blue bags every Monday and check blue homework bags for homework and further updates on Tuesdays.

Week 13th Nov—Scottish Book Week (no dress up day)

Fri 17th Nov—Children in Need

Sat 25th Nov—Parent Council Christmas Fayre

Weds 6th Dec—Parent Drop-in

Fri 8th Dec—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Thurs 14th Dec—P1 and P1/2 Party 1:30 pm

Tues 19th Dec—School Show 10 am and 6:30 pm at academy