



Welcome to the first newsletter of this session. Please see below our planned learning for this term. Many thanks for your continued support. Miss Grierson and Miss Philp 😊

Literacy

Reading

This term we will be sharing a range of stories about wild animals and stories related to the sounds we are learning. We will use these books as our context for all of our literacy learning. This Workshop for Literacy approach will help us with our comprehension and reading skills.

We will be learning our sounds using the Jolly Phonics songs and actions. Some of us will begin blending these sounds to make short CVC words, e.g. cat, dog, rug. When we are confident doing this, we will get a reading book home.

P2

Our P2s will continue to develop their use of digraphs such as: ch, sh and th to read and spell more complex words. We will also continue to extend our recognition of common words in our reading books.

Writing

We are learning to form all of our lowercase letters correctly and we will use a range of materials to do this such as sand, play dough pens etc. We are all learning to form the letters in our names correctly. We are using rhymes to remember how to form our letters using the resource Read Write Inc.

Some of us will begin to use our sound knowledge to sound out words. Our pictures also tell a story so we will do lots of drawing.

P2

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

We will all be learning about numbers and how to form these properly. We will be using rhymes to remember how to form our numbers correctly from Communication4all.

We will be learning to recognise, count and sequence numbers. We will be able to count out objects. We will work hard to match the number to the correct amount. Some of us will be using a different range of numbers depending on what we already know.

We will all use Numicon to help us with our number work. This helps us to visualise number patterns in our heads. We will work on matching numbers to the correct piece of Numicon.

P2

Children in P2 will be learning about place value, knowing that where a digit is in a number, tells us the value of it. We will be using Numicon to help show 2 and 3 digit numbers.

We will also be reading, counting, sequencing and ordering 2/3 digit numbers, using a hundred square to help.

Maths

We will be learning about 2D and 3D shape. We will learn to recognise the shapes and learn their properties. We will also learn about lines of symmetry and we will make colour and shape patterns.

P1a will be taught maths by Mrs Matthew on a Thursday morning.

Children in P2 will be writing sentences about their weekend news as well as descriptive writing linked to our topic and the books we read. We will be using connectives to lengthen our sentences and writing more.

Listening and Talking

We are learning to listen to our teacher and to each other. We must remember to put our hand up when we would like to talk and we are practising taking turns. We are practising sharing information and listening to others during Circle Time.

ICT

Through our play we will be learning to access games to support our learning in Literacy and Numeracy.

Play

We highly value learning through play in Primary 1 and 2 and the children will experience a range of play opportunities both indoors, as well as outside. These opportunities will enhance learning across the curriculum. The children will also be learning about the skills they need to enter the workforce. We will learn about a different skill each week and discuss how we are using that skill as we play.

IDL

This term Primary 1a and Primary 1/2 have chosen to learn all about wild animals. This will be embedded through play within the different activity areas in the classroom and facilitated through different stories. We will also be learning about weather. The children will deepen their understanding of nature within different environments and will consider how they play their part in caring for nature.

P2

As well as the above, P2 will be learning how to tile 2D shapes. We will be exploring this through using these shapes to make tiling patterns and designing images using tiling.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be learning to use our Cool in School strategies to make good choices in school and in the playground. We will also learn how to be a good friend and maintain positive relationships. We have created class charters to show how we will respect each other's right to play and learn. We will use the Colour Monster story to help us gain a better understanding of our own feelings and the feeling of others. We will also be using the Resilience toolkit to help develop our skills as part of the whole school approach.

P1/2 are being taught Health and Wellbeing by Mrs Matthew on a Friday.

PE

We will be developing our listening skills to follow rules of different games. We will also be working on ensuring that we are travelling safely around the gym hall. PE is on a Friday morning and children should come to school ready in their gym kits.

Expressive Arts

In Music we will be singing lots of songs and following lots of rhymes. We will also sing the Jolly Phonics songs to help remember the sounds.

P1/2 are being taught music by Mrs Matthew on a Wednesday.

In Art we will be exploring with a range of materials to create pieces of art work linked to our workshop for literacy book of the week. We will also be practising our cutting skills.

How can parents/families help?

- Helping us with our homework and sharing stories with us.
- Letting us know when we have a note in our bag so we can tell the teacher.
- Choosing school lunch together at home so we are not disappointed at lunch time!
- Supporting us to write our own names with a capital letter at the start and the rest of the letters lower case.
- Making sure our names are on all of our belongings including PE kits, water bottles and jackets.**
- Helping us learn how to do our own buttons and zips.
- Ensuring we wear our gym kit to school on Fridays.
- Making sure we bring waterproof jackets with hoods and wellies every Friday as we will be outdoors every week regardless of the weather.**
- Primary 1a and Primary 1/2 are very lucky to have fantastic resources for play. Please leave any teddies and toys at home as children can be very upset if these are lost or broken.**

Other news from our class:

- On a Thursday morning Mrs Matthew will be in Primary 1a to cover Miss Philp's NCCT.
- On a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Matthew will be in Primary 1/2 to cover Miss Grierson's NCCT
- Mrs Matthew will also be in Primary 1/2 on Fridays.
- Both P1 and P1/2 are very lucky to have students from Dunfermline High School on a Monday afternoon to support us in our learning.

Optional Activities

Here are some websites for you to access should you choose:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game>

P2

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/place-value-basketball>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/place-value/place-value-charts>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-3>