Lawhead Primary School – Homework Challenges



Term 1 and 2: August - December 2025

Class: Primary 1/2 Teacher: Miss Morrow and Miss Hippisley



Ethos and Life of the School as a Community

Consulting On Our Vision, Values and Aims: (Term 1)

This session we are reviewing the vision, values and aims for our school to ensure they reflect our unique learning community. We would be grateful if you could complete this short MS Form together as a family to share your views and feedback. https://forms.office.com/e/ig0AEm5VYr

The MS Form will close at the end of term 1. Individual or family responses are welcome.

BSL:

Can you learn a nursery rhyme or song in BSL and share it with your class or at assembly? There are lots of videos and websites that can help you with this. Older pupils may want to challenge themselves and take a story book for younger pupils and learn how to sign it. If you are very confident you may get the opportunity to read and sign your story to the nursery or P1 pupils!

Some useful links:

- BSL Children's songs YouTube
- BSL World Nursery Rhyme Week
- signed stories Search Videos

Literacy – Phonics/Spelling:

Our school website contains information on the phonics/spelling progression we follow at Lawhead. During term 1 and 2 we will be focusing on the following sounds/spelling patterns in class:

Each week your child will learn 2 new letter sounds in class. Please use the jotter provided to help support your child practise the sounds at home. The focus for phonics learning will be on the sound letter rather than its name.

Children are encouraged to explore letters and sounds in their everyday environment, in ways that are appropriate to their stage of learning—for example, spotting familiar letters in shop signs, labels, or books.

Say it and make it! Can you say the letter sound and then make it from play dough or write in sand? Make a collage of things that begin with the letter, make the letter from natural materials outside. Draw pictures in the jotter that match the sound.

Reading books will be sent home after the children are confidently blending with the first set of sounds. For most, this will be after the October holiday. Primary 1

Follow this link to the phonics/spelling section of the school website - Spelling

Class teachers will send home phonics/word lists to practice. These will be inserted into your child's reading diary/in their reading folder.

w/b	Letter Sounds
25.08	s/a
01.09	t/i
08.09	
	p/n
15.09	m/d I, the
22.09	g/o go, to
29.09	c/k no, into
06.10	ck/e the
27.10	u/r to
03.11	h/b I
10.11	f/ff/I go
17.11	∭/ss no
24.11	j/v he, she
01.12	w/x we me
08.12	Consolidation of
	learning
15.12	Assessment of
	learning

Primary 2

Children will work on phonics which are appropriate to their learning. Phonic groups will receive specific sounds to practise - please check reading folders for these.

Mental Maths:

Our school website contains information on the mental maths progression we follow at Lawhead.

Access the planner for P1/2 and practice the skills for term 1 and 2. Pupils who feel less confident may want to master the skills for earlier levels and those who want to challenge themselves can access the planners for the stage above.

Numbers Numbers Everywhere. Use the Homework jotter provided to make a pictorial, photographic or written list of numbers which you find and recognise from the local environment. Clue- You'll find numbers on: doors, wheelie bins, road signs, clothes....

Talk about which numbers are bigger, smaller or the same. Discuss which numbers come before, after and between others.

How many of the numbers can you read and write?

Follow this link to the mental maths section of the school website - <u>Mental Maths</u>

A paper copy of the mental maths planner can be printed and provided on request by asking the class teacher.

Interdisciplinary Learning	In Term 1 we will be exploring "How Things Work." Using junk/paper which you already have at home, design and make/draw and describe an object which you think is useful to have at home. You could even invent your own! (Adults – you can help do some/all the writing for this activity.)	Models/drawings can be brought to school during Term 1. These will be displayed in class.	
	In Term 2 we will be learning about "The Weather and Extreme Climates." Design a jacket for a toy or yourself which would be suitable to wear in very cold or very wet weather. What fabric and colours will you use? Think about how you could make sure the jacket is visible in duller weather or when it is dark.	Pictures/photos of the jacket can be drawn/stuck into the homework book provided and brought to school during Term 2.	
Opportunities For Personal Achievement	Celebrating Success – Weekly Assemblies: Every week at assembly we have a section called 'Celebrating Success'. Success and achievements in and out of school are recognised and celebrated. We take photos of learners and add them to our achievement wall. If you have had a success or achievement outside of school please let Mrs. Simpson (P1-3) or Mrs. Bain (P4-7) know so that it can be included in the assembly. Success comes in lots of shapes and sizes – learning to swim or ride your bike, a medal or trophy, learning an instrument, a badge at cubs or brownies.	Medals, trophies or certificates can be brought in on assembly day to share (Thursdays) or parents/carers can also email information or a photo to Mrs. Bain or Mrs. Simpson using lawheadps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk	
Opportunities For Pe	Sumdog Maths Contests Terms 1 and 2: Login to your Sumdog account to take part in the following upcoming Sumdog contests. You can earn certificates and prizes as an individual or for your class and school. ➤ Maths Week Scotland 22 nd − 26 th September ➤ Fife Maths Contest 21 st -27 th November ➤ Winter Wonderland 12 th -18 th December	Follow this link to login: https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in Class teachers can provide login information if required.	
Additional Suggestions to Support Learning at Home:	 Practice the BSL signs and French phrases shared on the weekly newsletter Complete weekly reading set by the class teacher Read your library books from the school library Login to your Sumdog account and play games to practice your mental maths, spelling and grammar Visit the learning at home section of our school website for additional ideas - Learning At Home Lawhead Primary School and Nursery (glowscotland.org.uk) Topmark Teddy Numbers game can easily be adjusted according to your child's age and ability Alphablocks Short clips or full episodes of 'Alphablocks' can be found on Youtube which can assist with the development of your child's phonics knowledge. Activities to help develop fine motor skills: https://napacenter.org/fine-motor-activities/ 		