

**Junior Deaf Class 1 – Newsletter**

**Welcome!**

Thank you for all your support in Term 1. The boys and girls have been very working hard and settled well into their class and routines.

**Class Teacher**

Miss Dunn

**Numeracy**

**Number:** The children will participate in daily Mental Maths warm ups. Our focus this term includes subitising numbers to 6, addition and subtraction within 10 and partitioning numbers to 5.

**Beyond Number:**

This term, the children have focused on recognising and ordering the months of the year and the seasons. We have also explored problem solving, estimation and towards the end of term will look at recognising coins up to £2 and handling money in different play contexts. We will also explore data handling through tally charts.

**Literacy**

**Reading:** In term 2 the children will focus on both their oral and written comprehension skills. We will be revising question words such as what, where, who to help us ask and answer questions on class texts. We will continue to learn new common words and begin to blend sounds to develop their reading skills

**Writing:** The children will continue to practise their letter formation and explore writing through a variety of activities. In Term 2 we will focus on recount writing and letter writing in particular.

**Talking & Listening:** The boys and girls are enjoying sharing their News each day and their Weekend News on a Monday morning. We will continue to work on presentation skills such as the volume of our voice and eye contact as well as our listening skills as an audience.



**Creative Learning**

The boys and girls have enjoyed continuing to learn through exploration and play. Pupils have the opportunity to take part in teacher led, teacher initiated and child led activities.

Can we remind children to bring an appropriate jacket and footwear for Outdoor Learning especially in the Autumn and Winter months.

**Health and Wellbeing**

Through our Halloween topic ‘The Baddies’ we have discussed friendships and ways to show kindness to others. While exploring the changing of the seasons we will focus on staying safe on Halloween Night, Bonfire Night and in the darker mornings and evenings. Through our Christmas topic we will work on team work and communication skills.

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

This term we have explored the text ‘The Baddies’ by Julia Donaldson as part of a Halloween mini topic. We will also be focusing on the changing of the seasons, our local environment and nature through the text ‘The Leaf Thief’ by Alice Hemming. Finally, we will celebrate the run up to Christmas through the text ‘The Jolly Christmas Postman’ by Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg.

**Homework**

Thank you in advance for supporting your child to complete their homework. The children will have Literacy homework on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Numeracy homework on Tuesdays and Thursday. We ask that your child practises their sounds and reading books each night.

**Gym**

Our gym days are Monday and Thursday. Pupils will bring their gym kit in a labelled bag and will get changed in school. Pupils can wear a polo shirt, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms in the school colours. No football strips please.