

Welcome to our Primary 2/1 Newsletter!

Term 1
2024

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Welcome to Primary 2/1

Primary 2/1 have had a great start to the year. The children have settled in well to their new classroom and are eager to learn. We are looking forward to an exciting year together.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We are going to be busy this term in our topic work. We are starting the year with a Science theme ~ Day and Night. We will be learning about the rotations of the moon and earth in relation to the sun. Over the next couple of weeks keep looking out for the moon and tell me what you notice.

Health and Wellbeing

The children will continue to focus on the SHANARRI indicators throughout the year and we will also be looking at and discussing the articles related to our class charter.

P.E

Our PE sessions are on a **MONDAY (indoors)** and **THURSDAY (outdoors)**. Suitable outdoor clothes (tracksuit/jogging trousers/hoodie) and suitable footwear are needed for this session. A waterproof jacket might also be necessary. Please note, on PE days the children are permitted to come to school wearing these clothes as they will not be changing in school.

Please remember that all jewellery must be removed on PE days. Pupils who have recently had their ears pierced will be expected to cover their ears with tape.

Water Bottles ~ Pupils are encouraged to drink **plain water** throughout the day in class. We would be grateful if you could supply a named water bottle for this purpose every day.

ICT

We are looking forward to lots of exciting opportunities to use our iPads and Smartboard. We will be learning how to use QR codes and how to access Sumdog and Educandy to help with our homework too.

Literacy

In our Literacy and Language programme we will be working hard to learn our spelling words. **Please encourage your child to practise; it's very important at this stage.**

P1 ~ This term we will be learning initial sounds and exploring the alphabet. The children will be able to spell and read new words soon.

P2 ~ We will be learning new phonemes and trying to use different strategies to help us to remember how to spell tricky words.

We are enjoying a variety of reading books at our level. Please listen to and discuss these with your child, as they will be eager to share their new reading material with you!

Our writing genres for this term will be Narrative, Recount and Instructions.

Numeracy

P1 ~ number recognition and formation, counting, number through Number Talks, Data Handling and Shape and Pattern.

P2 ~ numbers to 100, addition, number through Number Talks, Data Handling and Shape and Pattern.

Here are a few useful websites:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.mathplayground.com

www.doorwayonline.org.uk/number/ (P1)

Homework

Reading wallet ~ Two reading books will come home on a **Monday** and should be kept at home and read each night. Your homework jotter will also be enclosed in your wallet. The reading books and homework should be returned to school in the wallet on **Friday**. I have loved seeing your homework so far and I am looking forward to seeing more of your wonderful work.

Key Dates for the Term

- Dress down day ~ Thursday 26th September
- September Weekend ~ Friday 27th September until Monday 30th September (children absent).
- Interim reports issued ~ Friday 4th October
- October Week ~ Monday 14th October until Friday 18th October (children absent).

