

Primary 2 Bulletin

Welcome back!



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I cannot believe that we are into term two already, just where has the time gone? There is a lot happening this term and I am sure we are going to have lots of fun in the lead up to Christmas. Speaking of the 'C' word, the children will soon begin rehearsing songs and lines for our performance of 'The Twinkly Nativity'. It will take place on **Wednesday 13th December 2023**. More details will follow nearer the time.

Literacy

This term our literacy context will be based on the book 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children will take part in a variety of experiences and there will be many opportunities for cross-curricular links, particularly in Health and Wellbeing and Expressive Arts. They will also be able to relate their own friendships to that of the witch and her faithful cat - raising their awareness of the importance of friendship as they consider how the different characters clearly support one another. Together the children will discuss and experiment with the effects of patterned language, rhyme and repetition, and respond to an array of discussions - challenging their opinions and encouraging them to explain/expand on their individual points of view.

We will continue to work through the Rigby Star reading scheme with the accompanying comprehension work being done in class. Please continue to hear your child read throughout the week and encourage them to practise on their own. Thank you for your input and comments in the children's reading records - this is a great help and illustrates our partnership in the children's learning. The children will continue with their spelling homework in the same way as last term. Thank you again for your help with the weekly spelling activities (all written tasks should be completed at the back of the children's jotters). Again, please encourage the children to take pride in their work and to use the look, say and write strategies to help when learning their words. We are continuing to move forward in writing and the children will continue to further their understanding of punctuation this term, while enhancing their use of descriptive language i.e. wow words.

Numeracy

We will continue practising number facts and developing a variety of mental strategies to aid the children when solving wordy problems during our number talks sessions e.g. $8 + 9$ is the same as $8 + 8 + 1$ and $+ 9$ can be done by $+ 10$ and then $- 1$. We will continue to work on number stories, extending to 30 - aiming for good recall. We are also learning to count backwards from 100 and any practice at home would be much appreciated! The children will further their understanding of place value too and continue with addition and subtraction work. Furthermore, they will explore fractions and describe/record a half in different ways, as well as extend their knowledge of the days of the week and months of the year.

Health & Wellbeing

The children will be learning all about feelings as part of their Sexual Health and Relationships Education. We will look at special relationships with pets, friendships, kindness and empathy, personal hygiene and how to keep clean and healthy. We will also identify our likes and dislikes and think about how we are the same and different and begin to understand the various dynamics in family life and discuss ways of keeping safe (including road safety).

Interdisciplinary Work

We will continue our work on 'The Lighthouse Keepers lunch', the focus of which will be mainly technology based. The children will create their own diorama which will depict a scene from the story and include a working miniature lighthouse. **It would be helpful if the children could therefore bring in a small shoebox sized box sometime before the week beginning 6th November 2023.** If you have more than one please do send them in - the more the merrier, as I am sure we will require a few extras!

Additional Information

- Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th November 2023: Parent Drop-In Sessions - more details to follow.
- Friday 17th November 2023: Children in Need Day (Come As You Please)
- Wednesday 20th December 2023: Christmas Party
- Friday 22nd December 2023: Robin Hood Pantomime (Come As You Please)
- Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Thursdays - same as last term!

I hope you find this bulletin useful, however, please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any problems. Many thanks for your continued support,

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