

## Primary One Newsletter for Term Two

Hi all, I am so proud of all the children in Primary One! They are happy, settled and all working hard to achieve their individual targets. Please feel free to contact me if you have any general enquiries regarding our plans for term two. I can be reached at [gw09burnsdawn2@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09burnsdawn2@glow.sch.uk)

### LITERACY

Talking and listening: As we listen and talk in different situations, we will be learning to take turns to develop awareness of when to talk and when to listen to others.

Reading: We will begin to read books with words, exploring sounds, letters and words, discovering how they work together, and using what we learn to help us as we begin to read and write.

Phonics: We will continue to learn the names and sounds of single letters and we will begin to blend them and break them apart in three letter words.

Writing: We will focus on forming the letters correctly through handwriting tasks, gradually learning the correct size, position and orientation for each letter. We will begin to copy simple sentences from our reading books and, when ready, we will begin to write our own sentences using the texts as a model.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's PANTS rules. These are designed to teach pupils that parts of their body should remain private. In the lessons, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help.

The lesson will be fully age-appropriate. More information about talking PANTS, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

### NUMERACY

We will continue to play mental maths games every day to increase our competency with number. We will learn to identify and recognize numerals up to 30 and we will learn the 'number bonds' to 5 and later to 10 i.e. 5 and 5, 4 and 6 etc. We will learn about 2D and 3D shapes and how they relate to each other.

### R.M.E.

As we learn about different celebrations, festivals and customs, we will become aware of their importance in religious people's lives.

### S.T.E.A.M in the Play Zone

This term we will be planning activities around Hallowee'n, Guy Fawkes Night and Christmas as well as our whole class story, 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children's ideas will be incorporated into the plans, with opportunities to develop science skills being identified and facilitated.

### ☺ HOW CAN YOU HELP AT HOME? ☺

Please ensure that the children have access to the homework which is set every week. This includes online books that are allocated to your child's reading level on Bug Club, literacy tasks on Education City and a variety of numeracy games on Sumdog. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any technical issues related to the homework sites. All the children should have received a list of the letter sounds that we are teaching. If your child practices every day they will make great progress!