



Dreghorn Primary School
Class Newsletter
Session 2024 - 2025



Primary 1/2

Class Teacher: Miss Wylie

Term: 2

This term we will be learning about the following in class:

Literacy and English: P1: In **phonics** we will continue to learn 3 new sounds per week, learning to hear and say the different single sounds made by these letters. We will also try to use them to read and write some short CVC words e.g. 'sat'. In **writing** we will focus on forming our letters accurately and neatly, sitting on the line and will begin trying to write some short words to accompany our pictures. We will also learn about using finger spaces and full stops. In **reading** we will learn a wider range of key sight words to help us read our reading books more independently. We will focus on reading left to right and will discuss features of a book, e.g. page number, title, etc.

P2: In **phonics** this term we will move on to learn trickier spelling rules such as adding suffixes to words, e.g. -er, -est (fast, faster, fastest) to compare things and will also look at different ways to make the same sound, e.g. a-e, ai and ay. In **writing** we will continue to incorporate spelling rules into our writing pieces and will be trying to use more ambitious vocabulary to make our writing more interesting and use simple connectives such as, 'and' or 'because' to extend our writing. In **reading** we will continue to read Oxford Reading Tree books, and some children will continue to practise their sight words to help them read with increased confidence. We will also begin to look more closely at the punctuation in our books to help us to add expression to our voice when reading aloud. We will be focusing on 'Visualising' as our next reading strategy where we will try to create images in her head to represent the ideas we have heard being read in a text.

Numeracy and Mathematics: P1: In **numeracy** we will be counting forwards and backwards from various numbers within 10 and will learn to state which number comes before, after or in between a set of given numbers. We will also be comparing quantities stating which is more and which is less. We will also explore addition using concrete materials by combining two quantities and counting how many there are altogether. In **maths** we will be learning about positional language, in front of, behind, beside, etc and we will use the Beebots to give and follow simple directions. We will also learn about symmetry and will make symmetrical pictures using paint and will also be learning to recognise, name and describe a number of 2D and 3D shapes and discuss their properties (sides, corners, etc).

P2: In **numeracy** we will explore place value looking at tens and ones and how to partition a 2-digit number. We will be using a 100 square to add and subtract 2 digit numbers within 100 and will also explore the relationship between addition and subtraction and how to create a fact family from a set of 3 given numbers. We will also be counting on and back in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s and will look at ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc). In **maths** we will be learning to use directional language to describe movement and position such as turn left, turn right, move forward 3 spaces and will learn to program and give directions using the Beebots. We will also learn to create symmetrical patterns using mirrors to complete a picture or shape and we will be learning to recognise, name and describe a wider variety of 2D and 3D shapes, discussing their properties (faces, edges and corners) and sorting them according to different criteria.

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All Other areas of the Curriculum:

In Primary 1 and 2 we have a play based environment. This means we learn through different play experiences that change regularly, based upon the children's interests. This term our play and teaching experiences will also help us to learn about 'Food Preparation and Safety'. We will be prepping vegetables and following a recipe to make soup and will be learning more about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and what this may look like. Additionally we will learn about the traditions and celebrations of Christmas, and learn some Christmas songs.

Look out for our next sign up link for our 'Come and Play' sessions to see what we are up to.

Additional information:

Gym: will be on a Monday and Thursday. On these days children may wish to wear a polo shirt and if possible bring gym shoes. Please **LABEL** gym shoes. These can be kept in school in our gym box. Please ensure no jewellery is worn on these days. Earrings must be taken out or taped over for safety reasons.

Library: We will visit our school library on a Friday where children will be able to borrow a book to take home to read. These books should be brought to school every Friday to allow your child to swap it over for a new one.

Fundraiser: We will be taking in a sponsored 'Move-a-thon' on Friday 8th November to raise funds to purchase new play resources and furniture. Children have been issued a sponsor form and letter with information about this event. On the day children should come to school dressed in comfortable sports clothing. Please be mindful of the weather as we will also be taking part in some outdoor activities.