



# Our Class Newsletter

## Term 2 : Primary 1



I am incredibly proud of the amazing progress Primary 1 have made in Term 1! The students are such eager and responsible learners, and I know their enthusiasm will carry on into Term 2. I have seen some wonderful friendships blooming in the classroom, and I hope they continue to grow with our new initiative, "Fantastic Friends."



### Reminders

- 31st October – We're excited for a fun-filled Halloween day at school, so don't forget to come in your favourite costume! Get ready for some spooky activities! 🎃👻



### Numeracy and Maths

In our numeracy lessons, we are excited to explore numbers up to 50! We will practice counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, and 10s. The children will make and talk about objects that represent different numbers. We will have fun discussing which groups have the most or the least, and learn about comparing numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to ( $>$   $<$   $=$ ).

In our maths adventures, we will continue to work on our 2D shapes and dive into Data Handling. The children will unleash their creativity by gathering information with tally marks and then turning that data into fun bar and line graphs. It's going to be a great time learning together!



### Literacy

In our Literacy lessons, the children have been having fun learning to sign and sound out the following letters: s, a, t, i, p, n, e, c, k, ck, h, and r. As we continue our journey, they will develop their phonological awareness further, using these sounds and common words to create small words and form sentences! We are also excited to dive into narrative writing with our new topic, "Fairy Tale Adventures!" The children will explore how to space out their words in a story, re-tell tales, and even act them out in our Fairy Tale Cottage and Small World areas. Throughout the term, they will discover that every great story has a Beginning (Orientation), a Middle (Complication), and an End (Resolution). They will have the chance to create picture boards in small groups and on their own to share their stories through drawing. When they feel ready, they can even write key words as captions under their pictures. It's going to be a wonderful adventure!

### Across the Curriculum



Our classroom has come a long way since the beginning of Term 1! We now have a variety of fun, play-based learning zones both in the classroom and the playroom. The children have been working hard creating a greenhouse and a fairy tale cottage as part of their independent projects. They are also really enjoying the construction area, small world area, and independent writing area. It's wonderful to see their motivation to learn, use what they have been practising in class and grow stronger every day. This term, we are diving into an exciting topic called 'Fairy Tale Adventures'. We will explore classic tales like 'The Ugly Duckling', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and many more. I will blend writing, maths, and social studies into our Topic lessons, giving the children a fun and meaningful way to learn together.



### RE/Health and Wellbeing

In Term 2, we are excited to focus on building friendships and showing respect to one another! We have started a fun new initiative in class called "Fantastic Friends," designed to help everyone grow into confident individuals who can make lots of new friends as the year goes on. We will also engage in lessons that highlight our school values, making sure the children understand what they mean and how to practise them every day. In P.E. we are going to have so much fun learning some traditional Scottish dances! In our RE lessons, we will celebrate some special Feast Days: All Saints on November 1st, All Souls on November 2nd, Saint Margaret of Scotland on November 16th, and Saint Andrew on November 30th. After that, we will focus on Advent, preparing for Christmas and appreciating how special this time is for everyone in the Christian community. We can't wait to share these wonderful experiences together!

### Misc.



Homework will be issued on Mondays and should be returned on Friday. This will commence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. We will frequently have outdoor learning activities, so please make sure that your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Gym days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to have your child bring their gym kit and label all uniform items with their name.