



Our Class Newsletter

Term 1 : Primary 2



Primary 2 have made a great start to the school year and have settled back into school life and routines really well. All the children are so enthusiastic about learning, and are already making progress. Well done P2!



Reminders

PE is on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. Please bring gym things, especially indoor shoes, as it is unlikely we will be outside for gym very much in the coming months.

We have the learning café from 2.15pm on 19th September, and I look forward to meeting with as many parents and carers as possible at the learning conversations on 8th October.



Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we will focus on building addition and subtraction skills, and using these to solve problems. We will work on getting really secure in number bonds, mental maths, and counting and sequencing on an abacus.

In maths, we will be working on 2D and 3D shape, learning their names, properties and exploring real life uses/examples. We will also cover data collection, and some measurement, linking in with our topic.



Literacy

We are working on our listening and talking skills, especially in taking turns which we do throughout our school day, and through games. In literacy, we are building phonics and reading skills to develop reading and independent writing. We will be working on recognising common 'tricky words' and building more complex sentences, as well as our comprehension skills.

Our writing focus this term is narrative, or story-telling. P2 will be developing their story-writing skills, looking at structure of stories, and their characters and settings. We are reading 'Akimbo and the Lions' by Alexander McCall Smith as a class story, to tie in with our topic.

Across the Curriculum



Through our class voting system, the children selected the topic for Term 1 as 'Big Cats'. Together we have made a list of things we would like to learn about Big Cats, which will encompass many curricular areas including literacy, maths, art, science, social studies, PE and music.

We have weekly STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, arts and maths) sessions and have been having fun so far making soup with wonderful vegetables the children grew in the school polytunnel with Miss Murphy; making apple pastries with apples from the school grounds; and enjoyed an engineering shape challenge.



RE/Health and Wellbeing

In just a week or so, P2 have already become secure and confident in our school routines, including teeth-brushing and responsibilities of classroom jobs. We are looking at growth mindset and developing resilience, where we are already seeing progress. During PE, we are concentrating on hand-eye coordination in ball games, with a focus on tennis. In RE, we are practising hymns, learning different Bible stories and about our Saints, and looking at other world religions.



Misc.

Homework for Term 1 will be reading and spelling, which will come home with them on a Monday. Please return the homework jotter and reading book by Friday of the same week. I will have already read the reading book with the children, noting any words to practise, before sending it home. Reading should be for enjoyment, so hopefully it can be an enjoyable activity to do together at home.