



# NEWSLETTER – Primary 2 – Term 1

## SETTLING IN

The children have settled quickly into their new class and routines.

### NUMERACY AND MATHS

Revision of numbers to 10 and development of mental addition and subtraction skills within 10. This term we will be learning about:

- Place value up to 50 and beyond
- Addition and subtraction to 20 with a particular focus on the quick recall of addition and subtraction facts within 20.
- Expressions and equations.
- Properties of 2D and 3D shapes.
- Time – O'clock and half past.



#### Ideas to support numeracy at home

- Practise addition and subtraction facts within 10 and 20.
- Practise counting forwards and backwards from any number to 50 and beyond.
- Practise sequencing numbers to 50 and beyond eg. Number before/after/in-between.
- Topmarks – Hit the Button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Topmarks – Caterpillar ordering <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/caterpillar-ordering>
- Number before/after/between and counting on – Topmarks – Helicopter Rescue <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue>

### LITERACY

**SPELLING** - Active Literacy spelling resources will be used to enable children to spell commonly used words. Spelling will be tested on a weekly basis.

**WRITING** - Recount writing will be developed with a focus on past tense verbs, sentence structure and punctuation.

**READING** - PM fiction and non-fiction books will be used to develop literacy skills, with follow-up work to reinforce knowledge and understanding of reading.



#### Ideas to support literacy at home

- Read a wide variety of stories with your child and ask them questions that begin with 'who, what, when, where, how or why'.
- Revise the common words that your child will be working on in class.
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/?sellLanguage=en&mode=hub>  
Click on 'My Class Login' Username – todd1 Password – read.  
Choose a book to read for enjoyment. (Age appropriate)

### HOMEWORK

Spelling and numeracy homework will be given throughout the term. It will be handed out on a Monday and should be handed in completed by Thursday morning. A list of the week's spelling words will be sent home with space for them to be written twice more as well as a spelling challenge grid with ideas for further practise. A spelling test will be given throughout the week so it would be appreciated if you could help your child to revise for this. A list of common words related to the books we are reading in class will also be sent home for your child to practise. This will help to support and develop reading skills. A familiar read will be sent home to read for enjoyment.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Development of collaborative working skills through community building activities.
- Healthy eating/diet and preparing a healthy meal.
- Managing risk and how to act in unsafe situations.
- Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday. Please remember no earrings or jewellery to be worn on gym days. **PLEASE LABEL ALL P.E CLOTHING AND GYM SHOES** as they all look similar to the children.
- Please ensure that your child comes to school with a jacket and suitable foot wear as we will be participating in outdoor learning throughout the term.
- Water bottles brought into the classroom to drink should contain **WATER ONLY**. Children can drink juice at playtime and lunchtime if they wish.

### TOPIC - Knights and Castles.

We will be learning about:

- How a person became a knight
- The role of a knight.
- The armour a knight had to wear and why.
- The different parts of a castle.
- The importance of a castle.
- Castles in Scotland.
- Castle life.

### TOPIC – Dinosaurs

We will be learning about:

- A range of different types of dinosaurs.
- Dinosaur habitats and diet.
- Fossils.
- How dinosaurs became extinct.