



P.1/2 Newsletter

September – December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

We are very pleased to say that the settling in period has gone very smoothly in P.1/2 and we are so proud of all of the children. They are little superstars! We would also like to say a HUGE thank you for your continued support with all the practical things. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for all your support and your involvement in your child's learning and I look forward to a happy and productive school year. Below, is a brief outline of what we plan to cover up until December.

Literacy

Phonics and Spelling

Primary 1 have been working hard to learn all about rhyming words and syllabification. From September to December we will learn the sounds a-z and lots of common words.

Primary 2 have got off to a great start revising the sounds and common words from last year. We will learn one sound and between 3-4 common words per week.

Primary 1 and 2 will have regular consolidation blocks to revise the taught sounds and common words.

Reading

In class, your child will be introduced to 2 books per week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book to class each day to allow them to complete set reading tasks.

Writing

All children complete a 'Daily Writing' task. This will primarily focus on phonics, spelling or a 'read to write task.'

The children will focus on Narrative Writing this term for their Taught Writing sessions.



Maths and Numeracy



Primary 2 have been learning about estimation and rounding through lots of practical activities. We have been focusing on counting on/back in sequences, missing numbers & ordinal numbers. We will also be focusing on Place Value, recognising & reading numbers in different formats up to 100, Addition & Subtraction.

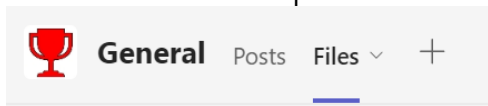
Primary 1 have been focusing on the numbers 0-10. We have been learning to count them out and learn how to form the numbers correctly. We will be learning to recognise numbers to 20 and count forwards and backwards. Primary 1 will be learning all about Addition and Subtraction this term.

Room 1 will focus on Measure this term for our Maths. We will compare items to see what is heaviest, lightest, longest, shortest or what has more or less.

Homework

As well as completing our daily reading homework, our weekly homework tasks will now be posted fortnightly on a Monday. You will find the homework on our Microsoft Teams page entitled, 'P1/2 22-23'. Our set tasks will be presented in the form of a PowerPoint document and can be accessed by clicking on the 'Files' tab at the top of our Teams page.

Here is an example below:



The weekly PowerPoints will be saved according to the week beginning date e.g. Week Beginning 29th August.

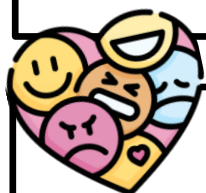
Please note: your child's homework jotter and letters sheet should be kept at home for weekly use and not brought into school.

If your child would like to upload a photo of their work, they can do this in the Teams page.

Excluding the daily reading, homework is optional, as we are mindful that children have clubs and other family activities they take part in and how important these are.

Technologies

We are incorporating regular iPad use in our classroom and will explore Pic Collage and the Chatterpix apps to support us when completing a range of tasks across the curriculum. The class will learn how to scan QR codes to access games and activities independently.



Health and Wellbeing

We began our school year by reading 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Colour Monster Goes to School'. These books gave us the opportunity to explore our own feelings and emotions. We have also been learning how to show kindness and how to be a good friend. The next topic we will be focusing on is keeping safe.

The focus for P.E. this term is Games. Our P.E. sessions take place on a **Monday** and a **Wednesday**. Your child can come to school on these days wearing their trainers or alternatively bring them to change into. If your child would prefer to bring his/her trainers to change into, we would like to make a polite request that they have Velcro straps, to make them easier to get on and off.

Thank you 😊

Modern Languages

Every Thursday afternoon Mrs Lang will take Room 1 for French.

We have been learning some vocabulary such as common greetings.



Interdisciplinary Learning

Room 1's topic for this term will be Dinosaurs. We have discussed what we would like to find out about dinosaurs and we have decided to look at what they eat, how they became extinct and what size they are.



Expressive Arts

Mrs Lang will take the children for Art on a Thursday afternoon. They have made some amazing self portraits this term.

We will focus on Drama and Art through our topic of Dinosaurs and the children will have the opportunity to use a range of materials and make their own decisions about their learning.

In the run up to Christmas the children will focus on Music and Dance.