

## Primary 2 - Base 3 Newsletter Term 3

Unbelievably, we have started our final term of Primary 2. The children have settled well back into the classroom after our spell of home learning in January and February. You would be proud of the resilience they have shown. Learning continues as always with a mix of whole class and group teaching both indoors and outdoors. We love sharing our learning and you can follow our learning journey on Twitter @Noble\_P\_S.

### **Literacy**

We continue to follow the NLC Literacy programme. Currently, we are learning double letter sounds which are used as vowels in words eg ue, aw etc. The children enjoy a variety of games, videos, direct teaching and tasks to learn words that contain these sounds. We also look at the different ways to make the same vowel sound eg o, aw, au. In conjunction with the sounds, we also learn new common words each week. These are the most common words in the English language. Some of these can be sounded out and blended and others need explicit teaching or strategies to help children remember them eg the. Again we practise these using games, written and oral tasks. Every week the children explore a new reading book. We investigate the book at word, sentence and whole text level. We are working on retelling read stories and showing our understanding of read text by finding and discussing information.

### **Numeracy**

Our numeracy programme continues with mental maths, mental agility, direct teaching and then practising taught maths skills. Through our mental agility programme we are learning different strategies to add and subtract and how to explain to others how we arrived at an answer. We have extended our maths skills by adding and subtracting up to 20 and beyond. Currently we are looking at repeated addition and linking this to multiplication by 2 and then 10. We will also look at division as sharing between 2 and how to half and quarter shapes and numbers. In addition, this term we will learn how to measure using standard units cm, m, g, ml etc.

### **Health and Wellbeing, Being Resilient and Right of the Month**

PE continues to be taught outside. Thank you for sending your child appropriately dressed for both outdoor PE and play. Mr Dornan continues to take the children for PE on a Monday afternoon and I take them on a Tuesday morning. We are concentrating on racquet and ball skills and athletics. Through play we are learning to cooperate, communicate, share, investigate, explore and build positive relationships with our peers. We learn to negotiate, take turns, use language to solve problems and self-regulate which leads to improved concentration and engagement in all aspects of our learning.

Skipper continues to encourage us to be resilient. This term we will learn how to change our mindset from fixed to growth to help us learn new things. In Health and Wellbeing, we will look at how packaging and advertising affects how we purchase and enjoy different foods.

**Science**

This term we will be studying the best conditions to grow plants, what the different parts of a plant are and the life cycle of a plant. There will be lots of practical work both indoors and out. We also have STEM week this term where our children get the opportunity to take part in different science, technology, engineering and maths projects. Watch out for this on Twitter.

**RME**

This term we are looking at Islam and Islamic stories which encourage Muslims to care for the world and share with each other.

**Home Learning**

Home learning continues to be issued weekly as a paper pack and on Teams in assignments. This should be returned to me for assessment via assignments on Thursday. In addition, there are weekly Maths and Spelling Sumdog Challenges. Reading books are sent home weekly too. Please, return all reading books on a Friday so the following week's book can be issued.

As always if there are any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me by phoning the school.

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