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Primary 3/2 Termly Newsletter-Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you had an enjoyable break and that you and your child are looking forward to the busy term ahead that leads up to Christmas. I thought that you might appreciate some information on what is happening in P3/2 this term.

PE Days

Just a reminder that our PE Days are on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. It would be very helpful if children could keep their kit in school on their pegs and remove all jewellery before school on those days.



Learning



Topic

This term, for our class topic we will be continuing our "Space" topic before moving on to Christmas Around the World.

Maths

The class will be continuing to focus on Number Talks each day to improve mental calculations.

Primary 2 will continue working on numbers to 20 and numbers to 100. This will include looking at the number before, after and in between. We will also be learning about gathering information and how we can display this.

Building on their knowledge of numbers, P3 will be learning to round numbers to the nearest 10 and estimating where a number would lie on a blank number line. The children will be learning to use "greater than" and "less than" symbols to describe number relationships e.g. $23 < 51$. Within our Data Handling block, the pupils will be learning to use tally marks as a way to collect and sort information.

Language

We will be focusing on functional writing this term which will be linked to our topic and Christmas Around the World. Children will be continuing to use VCOP in their daily writing.

Primary 2 will continue to use our Jolly Phonics sounds and simple common words for spelling. This term we will continue to work on correct letter formation. The children will also be undertaking comprehension that coincides with their reading book.

Primary 3 will be comparing different types of text and recognising their purpose. The children will learn to use the features of non-fiction texts - such as contents and index pages - to help them find and record information. Building upon their knowledge of alphabetical order, they will learn to use a dictionary to support spelling strategies. We will continue to explore aspects of grammar such as verbs, nouns and adjectives. The children will continue to learn phonic blends and more complex common words.



Homework

This term our homework pattern will continue to be as follows. All spelling will be issued on a Monday to be returned on a Thursday. Spelling will also include a spelling relating to the spelling words that week. Maths homework will be issued on a Tuesday to be returned by Thursday.

Reading homework will be ongoing, please check reading records for this information.

Please remember that homework should not become an additional family stress! If there are any issues around homework, please do not hesitate to let me know.

How you can help at home



You can help your child at home by practicing their reading book regularly and their reading words. At bedtime, you can help to improve your child's vocabulary and confidence in reading unfamiliar texts by reading to them or encouraging them to read some simple stories to you!

Other News

Our library day is a Thursday. Children should return their library book from the previous week allowing them to choose a new book. The children are also welcome to bring in a book or comic that they like to read at home that they can talk to others about and read. We have reading in class each morning and children can read a variety of books from our class library.

I hope that you have found this newsletter useful. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office or speak to me at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Miss McMillan