

Primary 1/2 Newsletter

Term 1: August to October



Phonics

Date	Phonemes
26/8	/qu/
2/9	/ar/
9/9	/er/
16/9	/er/ ur accent
23/9	/ou/ ow
30/9	/oi/ oi
7/10	/eer/ ear

Decodable word lists with the focus phoneme will be sent out weekly. Practise one or more of the following activities using the word list:

- Diacritically mark the words
- Write each phoneme in a different colour
- Find more words with the focus phoneme and add them to the word list
- Try to put the words into a sentence
- Write the words, focusing on formation and presentation

Numeracy & Maths

During this term we will cover:

- Count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s to 100
- Number recognition, formation and ordering to 100
- Place Value
- Partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones
- Properties of 2D shapes and 3D objects

Manipulatives to support learning in these areas can be found at Mathsbot or try online games at Topmarks or Education City.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Here are some topics we will explore:

- Emotions
- My World and People Who Help Us

Home Learning

Home learning will be issued on a Wednesday. Only the decodable books should be returned to school the following Tuesday. Reading books should be kept in children's bags at all times for use in the classroom.

Reading

Decodable texts will be issued after a set of focus phonemes/graphemes have been taught. The books may also include a few 'tricky' words. These are words that are important for beginning readers to learn, even though they include phonics code that is not taught at this stage or is unusual. We do not teach these as sight words to be memorised, we teach the tricky phonics code.

We also aim to develop a love of reading in the classroom and promote reading for pleasure. We hope you enjoy sharing regular stories at home too.

Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Thursday**.