

## Primary 2 First Newsletter

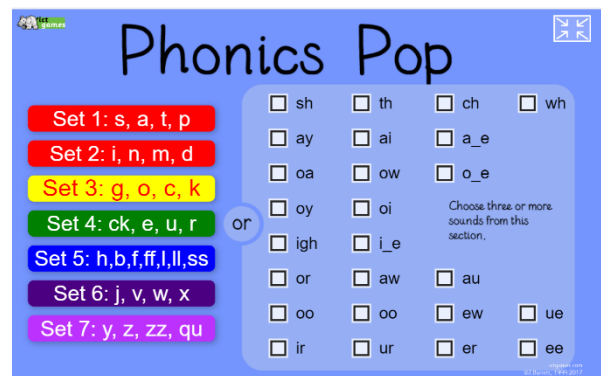
The children have made such a wonderful start to their time in Primary 2, they have settled in very well and have been incredibly welcoming and helpful to me as a new member of staff. We have been working on our big, new Primary 2 routines and the children are excelling in this, they really are so mature!

### Literacy

In literacy, we have started work on our Talk for Writing text *Handa's Surprise* and have been exploring some of its ideas and themes. This has resulted in lots of learning about African animals and gives a good starting point to think about our creative writing journey. We will be exploring this in depth, with the children having lots of opportunity to design and create their own journey story.

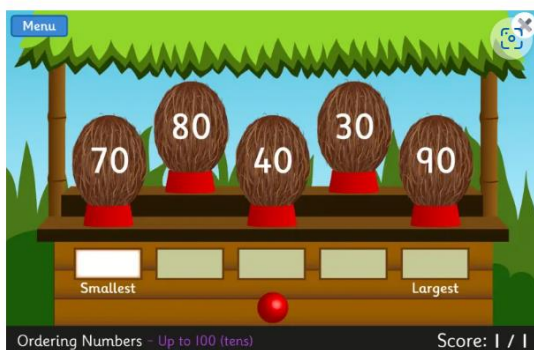
We are recapping our knowledge from P1 in phonics and are quickly moving onto digraphs (for example, ch and sh), which some of the children are already familiar with. We have been identifying the initial sounds of different words in class and this would be a good activity to practice at home. You could also have a go at this game to support some of these sounds.

<https://ictgames.com/phonicsPop/index.html>



**Reading books will be handed out on Mondays and should be returned on Fridays.**

### Numeracy



In numeracy, we have been recapping our learning from Primary 1 and have been continuing our hard work on number concepts. We have been looking at how to read and order different numbers, particularly the 10s numbers. We will be moving on to counting in 2s and 5s as well as ordering numbers to 100 and beyond. We will also practice how to read and write different numbers in words. This online game

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering> could be used at home to support this, it is a favourite in class.

We are continuing to practice our number formation. Watch out for number 7, it seems to be the main culprit. You could try supporting this at home by visiting this website [https://www.abcya.com/games/letter\\_trace](https://www.abcya.com/games/letter_trace)



### HWB

As we are learning about the Harvest and Handa's Surprise, the children have been interested in learning about healthy eating and particularly different kinds of fruits. We will be exploring the smell and taste of some fruits in class,

If you have any updates to allergy information to report, please do so as soon as possible and if you have any concerns about this, please catch me at the door. In the story are guava, banana, tangerine, apple, pineapple, passionfruit and avocado so we will try and source these for the children.

If you wanted to hear the story that the children are learning about, it can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocnRQi89nK8>



### Other important information

**PE days are Wednesday and Thursday mornings.** Please ensure your child's PE kit is marked with their name. It is usually kept in the school for the term, in a bag on their hook. PE kit should include a pair of indoor shoes, a change of top and shorts/trousers/leggings etc. The boys and girls are being encouraged to change on their own as much as possible but help will be provided where needed.

Please ensure all personal items like lunchboxes, pencil cases, water bottles and all items of clothing have a name on them in some fashion to allow missing items to be reunited with their owners. I have been encouraging children to keep all personal items in their bag or on the lunch trolley so they are not misplaced.

I can't wait to see where this year's learning will take us and I am so excited to work with all our wonderful P2s! They are a credit to you all. 😊

See you soon,

Mr Gaffney