

PI/2 CLASS NEWS TERM 3

LITERACY

The "Teddies" have now been introduced to all the alphabet sounds using the North Lanarkshire Literacy Programme and have either started reading or are expected to start reading over the next few weeks. This is a huge milestone and we would like to say a big thank you to parents who have supported this learning through homework. The 'Cars' continue to learn new sounds through the Literacy Programme and have started writing their news weekly, with individual targets including goals such as structuring a sentence or adding adjectives and connectives. The 'Cars' have been focusing on developing higher order thinking skills through activities based on a more advanced giglets story once a week in addition to continuing with their usual reading books.

We have taken a break from Talk for Writing in January to focus on other activities to encourage talking and listening skills (including sharing news, show and tell and learning a Burns poem) but will begin our next Talk for Writing story in February. A big well done to all children for learning their poems! Our finalists were: Miles, Aaron, Megan and Emily.



TOPIC

Our topic this term is transport. We will be exploring how transport has changed over the years and the history of different types of transport including boats, planes, trains and cars. This is a wide-ranging topic with lots of opportunities for making community connections; for example through how local farmers use industrial vehicles, boat building at Maidens harbour or the different emergency service vehicles used locally.

We will cover multiple areas of the curriculum using expressive arts and areas of STEM, to investigate different types of transport and will be creating our own based on how they fit their purpose!



P1/2 CLASS NEWS

MATHS

In Maths this term we are learning about measure. This includes height and length as well as capacity and weight.

So far this term the 'Legos' have been thinking about when they might need to measure length, and have been measuring with non-standard units - for example their hands, cubes or sticks.

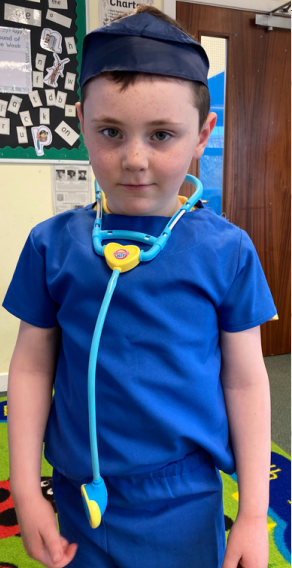
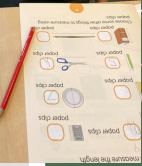
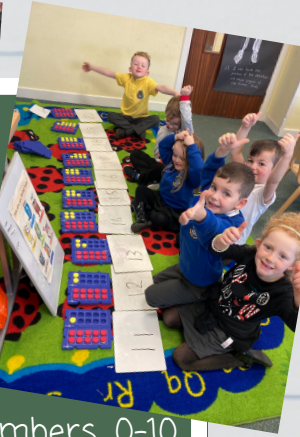
The 'Speedboats' have been learning about standard units for measuring (centimetres and metres) and have been learning how to correctly use a ruler and a metre stick and record their measurements.

The 'Legos' have moved on from numbers 0-10 and are spending more time exploring numbers 11-20. They are continuing to develop skills in addition and subtraction.

The 'Speedboats' have been adding and subtracting with higher numbers and have starting to explore multiplication.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

P1/2 are continuing with "My Body" as a HWVB topic for this term. Having explored the job of different organs in the body and how to look after them with healthy eating and exercise in Term 2. They are now learning about when we might use medicine and the role of medical professionals such as doctors and pharmacists. We will be moving on to think about keeping ourselves safe more generally, which includes a broad range of themes from avoiding harmful substances to respecting personal space to keeping safe on the roads!



P1/2 CLASS NEWS

READING

We are excited to see our P1/2 class build their reading skills. This is a vitally important stage in their learning as reading is key to our development. Some of the benefits of reading are; helping us understand our own ideas and personalities, developing our emotional intelligence, sparking our imaginations, learning and broadening our knowledge and improving our health and wellbeing. Numerous studies show a direct link between reading for enjoyment and success in life. Unfortunately, learning to decode texts is hard work! The enjoyment of reading often comes later when children are more fluent and can enjoy reading a more complex story or non-fiction book. When supporting your child to practise reading using their school reading book, little and often is a good approach. To promote their enjoyment of reading, please read stories and non-fiction books that they are interested in to your child. We have provided a link to a website that gives more information and ideas to help you support your child to learn to read and develop an enjoyment of reading (follow QR link for more information.)

READING FOR ENJOYMENT:
WE MET UP WITH SOME
FAMILIAR FACES IN
PRIMARY 7 FOR SOME
BUDDY READING.



CLASS HOUSEKEEPING

There will be no homework issued on Thursday 8th of February due to the half term break. If you could have a look for reading books and return these with book bags on Wednesday the 7th, that will ensure we have full sets of books for new reading groups. PE will remain on a Thursday and Friday this term. We will be using Learning Journals to upload pictures of activities the class have engaged in over the next few months.