

Parent Information Sheet - Term 1



Primary 2

Literacy and English	Consolidating basic phonics, also "Hat Man Happenings" (th, ch, wh, sh) Revising Letterland handwriting songs and practising correct letter formation. Developing wider sight vocabulary of words which will help when reading instructions. Recognising and creating sentences, beginning to use capitals, full stops, and finger spaces between words.
Maths and Numeracy	Developing confidence in number bonds to 10, and then within 20. Counting amounts of money, and developing the concept of "change." Simple graphs and other data handling.
Health and Wellbeing	PE: The pupils will be learning about the 4 main skills in gymnastics which are balance, flight, rotation and inversion. Pupils will be discovering different ways to move efficiently and start to think about creating a short gymnastics routine.
Play Sessions	<p><i>Research provides considerable evidence that play can develop the cognitive abilities needed for formal learning: play aids development of problem solving capabilities, creativity, representational skills and memory. Another important consideration is the emotional literacy and control needed to learn in school. Playing aids the development of concentration and attention. Playing in outdoor environments with natural features has been shown to be particularly helpful to this.</i></p> <p>Play Scotland; Bringing More Play into the School Day; 2017</p>
Topic	The bairns will each choose at least one craft project to make something to enter in the Yell Show. This will involve browsing and selecting activities from a range of books, and a number of practical skills to create the items as independently as possible. We will continue to tend to the plants in the polycrub and the yard, and harvest some of these for the show. While the weather allows we will be having walking excursions as often as possible, learning about local flora, fauna and their habitats.
Modern Languages	French: Practise numbers and greetings. Learn vocabulary for colours and weather, days and dates.
Expressive Arts	Art: Pupils will have the opportunity to explore a range of materials and techniques including, collage, paint, chalk and printmaking. Music: Singing games and action songs. Learning to follow and play rhythm patterns using clapping, rhythm sticks and other percussion instruments.
Other	Important dates: Thursday 29 th August: Parent Council AGM @ 6pm Saturday 7 th September: Yell Show Wednesday 25 th September: Flu sniffs Friday 11 th October: October holidays start! Monday 28 th October: In-service Tuesday 29 th October: In-service Wednesday 30 th October: Term 2 starts
Parental Engagement	You can support your child's learning by: Continuing to read to your child, as well as listening to their own reading. Observing all kinds of things in the environment and talking about them. Talking about times of day, how long things take, days of the week and months.