

Room 2 - Term 2 Newsletter

Primary 1 Literacy

Phonics – We will be continuing with the NLC Literacy programme to learn their initial phonemes. The children will be taught how to blend phonemes together to read simple CVC words using a variety of strategies. I would recommend using the transition pack that was issued by Miss Corke to help practise this new skill. It will allow the children to physically push letters together, using the five finger approach that they have been learning in class.

Reading – Primary 1 will be continuing to bring home their independent reading books. In addition, the children will have a group reader in class, through which the reading skills of predicting, visualising and connecting will be taught. Furthermore, as part of Scottish Book Week in November we will be exploring our Book Bug bags in class- stating our preferences and explaining why we like and dislike different texts.

Writing – We will continue to further develop our pencil control and handwriting skills, taking care of the size and shape of our letters when we are forming them during formal handwriting lessons. In writing, children will be encouraged to write under and 'have a go' at writing simple CVC words using their phonetic skills. In news writing, with support, the children will learn how to write a sentence with a capital letter and a full stop.

Primary 2 - Literacy

Phonics - We will begin to learn a new phoneme each week along with our common words and will complete activities to help them identify, write, spell and read these.

Reading - We will be learning about the features of different types of texts and how to find, select, sort and use information for a specific purpose. The children will be responding to different kinds of questions and learning to create some questions of their own.

Talking and listening underpins all activities we do during literacy but specifically, this term the children will be how to clarify points by asking questions and knowing when to listen and when to share their own ideas with respect.

Writing - Children will be encouraged to write under and 'have a go' at writing simple sentences with CVC words using their phonetic skills. In news writing the children will learn how to write a sentence with a capital letter and a full stop. We will be introducing Talk for Writing this term in order to develop the children's story writing skills.

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Primary 1 Numeracy

This term the class will be developing their numeracy skills through an active approach. We will cover the following skills;

I can recall mental addition facts to 5 / 10.

I can work out addition sums by using a number line to count on.

I can recognise and understand the meaning of the symbols + and =.

I can create a set of addition facts to 10

I can add one by counting on from any given number

I can count on two from any given number and relate this to adding on two

I can use ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in real life contexts

I can solve simple missing number equations (e.g. $3 + _ = 9$)

The children will also be exploring Information Handling this term through their topic 'Toys' they will learn;

To sort items in a variety of ways

To sort to my and others criteria

To create and read signs and charts around me

To ask questions to help gather information and display findings in different ways e.g. pictograph

Primary 2 Numeracy

Primary 2 will be developing their counting and core Numeracy skills through a variety of mental maths games and challenges. We will also participate in daily CLIC sessions and weekly BMBT! activities to help with mental recall.

- Addition and Subtraction facts with Number Families.
- Comparing and Estimating Weight.
- Be introduced to the concept of multiplication.
- Be introduced to the concept of division.
- Partitioning and Rounding 2digit numbers.

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Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be looking at keeping safe and how we can get help in unsafe situations. We will be looking at different events including Guy Fawkes and Halloween and talking about keeping safe. We will be looking at winter safety too and keeping ourselves healthy during the winter months. We will be exploring which substances may be helpful and which may be harmful to us.

In Physical Education we will be participating in Fun Fitness and Dance. Children will have the opportunity explore moving rhythmically, expressively and playfully. The children will learn taught dance routines to music or a beat. We will also share our thoughts and feelings to dance performances stating our likes and dislikes. Please ensure you have the appropriate clothing for P.E a polo shirt for P.E days is very helpful and please ensure you provide indoor gym shoes. Gym days are on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

Other areas of the Curriculum

Social Studies –Through play opportunities we will be learning about the past and how household items have changed over time. This will be child led thus the learners will have the opportunity to contribute what they want to learn and the activities they want to participate in through our initial consultation.

ICT – We will be using the chrome books to develop our computer skills by logging on and accessing computer programmes to help enhance our literacy and numeracy skills.

RME – We will be exploring the Christmas story through our Nativity.

Science – Through play opportunities we will be learning about forces and describe their effects this term including push and pull factors.

