

Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term Four

Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2015

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 1. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break. In school we are looking forward to a busy and fun term. The highlights of last term included our Health Families Healthy Children context for learning, where parents and carers came into school to join the children and share their learning experiences. The children greatly enjoyed this and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support.

Mrs Smith.
P1 Teacher



English & Literacy

Through the context of our 'Pirates' topic, pupil's writing will focus on a variety of genres including personal, imaginative and functional. We will create our own Wanted posters for a pirate and write pirate stories. We will aim to include a range of descriptive vocabulary and connectives to create interesting and detailed pieces of writing.

Handwriting will be taught by Mrs Burton once a week. We will continue to apply the spelling rules we have learnt as we improve the standard of our writing.

Reading will take place every day and children will be given key words and common words to practise at home. We will focus on recognising these words in a variety of texts.

We will also use our Reading skills to locate useful information.



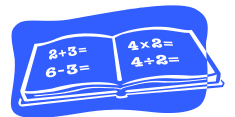
Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be learning about Information Handling. Pupils will become familiar with different methods of collecting and presenting data using charts, including tally marks and pictograms.

P1 will continue working with numbers up to 100, including place value. We will develop our skills in addition and subtraction.

In Mental Maths we will continue to practise forward counting and backward counting number sequences within 20 and beyond.

We will count in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Pirates!

This term our context for learning is Pirates. We will be learning about this context through the curriculum areas of Literacy, Social Studies and Expressive Arts. The key questions we will explore are:

What is a pirate?

How did pirates travel?

What was life like on board a pirate ship?

Who were famous pirates?

Why was treasure so important to pirates?

Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers are Mrs Mitchell who will be teaching PE on Tuesday, and Mrs Burton who will be teaching Handwriting and RME on Monday.

We will have Enjoy a Ball on Wednesday.

Whole School Mini Context: Mid Calder Celebrates 100 years

This term Primary 1 will be undertaking a short learning focus on our local area. We will be learning more about our school, focusing particularly on the school badge.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Monday to be handed in on a Friday. It will include reading, spelling and maths. Please remember that library books should be brought into school every Monday.