

Primary 2/1 Learning Letter: Term Four

Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2015

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 2/1. 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 and Katie Morag contexts, where parents and carers came into school to speak to the children about their learning activities and enjoying a visit to Pizza Express. The children greatly enjoyed these experiences and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support.

Miss Henderson.



English & Literacy

Through the context of 'Pirates,' 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 and we will continue to apply the spelling rules we have learnt to improve the standard of our writing.

Reading will take place every day and your child will be listened to at least twice a week. We will be focusing on using our Reading skills to locate useful information.

Children will continue to develop their phonological awareness through taking part in Vowel House and Colourful Consonants activities and lessons.

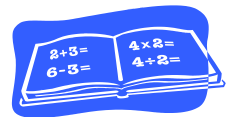


Maths & Numeracy

This term we will begin by learning all about information handling. Pupils will become familiar with different methods of collecting and presenting data using charts, including tally marks and pictograms.

P2 will also learn about sharing and combining equal groups of numbers. This will form the basis of children's understanding of multiplication and division. P1 will continue working with numbers up to 100, including place value, adding and subtracting.

For our Mental Maths we will be learning how to find numbers halfway between pairs of numbers and using our knowledge of doubles to work out answers to near doubles sums.



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 Wednesday and Mrs Burton who will be teaching handwriting and RME on Tuesdays. We will have Enjoy a Ball on Mondays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on these days.

Whole School Mini Context: Mid Calder Celebrates 100 years

This term Primary 2/1 will be undertaking a short learning focus on our local area. We will be learning about Lizzie Bryce and her influence in the area.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Monday to be handed in on a Friday. It will include reading, spelling and maths. Remember to bring your library book into school each Wednesday.