

Primary 2 Learning Letter: Term One

Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2015

Welcome to Primary 2 I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. I'm delighted to say that the children have settled into the new school year very well and we are looking forward to a busy and fun first term. Our highlights so far have included our Personal Social Development fortnight where the children took part in class games and activities which helped them get to know each other and the start of our traditional tales interdisciplinary learning focus which all the children are really excited about. I look forward to working closely with all children, parents and carers in the forthcoming session.

Mr Nelson
P2 Teacher



English & Literacy

Through the context of our 'traditional tales,' pupil's writing will focus on a variety of genres including, imaginative and functional. We will create our own traditional tales with alternative endings and the children will be learning to sequence stories. We will revise how to write simple sentences and aim to include a range of descriptive vocabulary to add more detail to our writing.

Handwriting will be taught 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 most days and your child will be listened to at least twice a week. A small slip a paper will be stapled into their reading records of key words for them to learn to read.

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

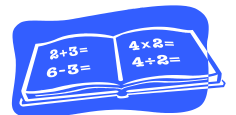


Maths & Numeracy

This term we will begin by learning all about time. Pupils will learn about the importance of time in their lives and we will focus on key vocabulary. This year we will start to learn about half past times and how to use calendars in everyday life.

We will also focus on money as part of our money week. Children will learn about the all the different types of coins and how to give basic change from 5p and 10p.

For our Mental Maths we will be following Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning or (SEAL) strategies to reinforce counting, addition and subtraction skills. Pupils will also learn about how to identify numbers before, after and in between within 100. We will also reinforce our knowledge of counting in 2's within 20 and 10's within 100.



Interdisciplinary Learning:

This term our context for learning is 'traditional tales.' We will be learning about this context through the curriculum areas of Literacy, Health and Well Being and Expressive Arts. The key questions we will explore are:

- What are traditional tales?
- How are traditional tales structured?
- How or can we change traditional tales?
- What can we learn from traditional tales?

Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers are Mrs Redmond who will be teaching Drama and RME on Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Stewart who will be teaching Music on a Thursday. We will have P.E. on Wednesday with Mr Buchan and on Thursday afternoon with myself. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on these days.

Whole School Mini Context: Building Our Community

During the first 2 weeks of term we concentrated on building our class and school community. We created our Community Contract and learnt about the school values.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and is handed in on a Friday. It will include reading and key words to learn, a Maths activity and spellings to learn for Friday. Remember to bring your library book into school each Monday.