

# Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term Two

Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 1. The highlights of last term included our visits from the Friendly Dragon and rebuilding Fairyland in our classroom. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our learning with you during our open afternoon. This term we are looking forward to learning all about toys!

Mrs Smith  
P1a Teacher



## English & Literacy

This term the children will continue to develop their phonological knowledge. As well as continuing to read and build words using an increasing number of sounds, the children shall begin to build sentences by applying spelling skills and their knowledge of key and common words.

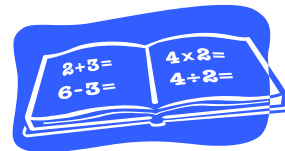
Through the context of our 'Toys' topic, the children will explore various writing genres including personal, imaginative and functional. We will aim to include a range of descriptive vocabulary and connectives to create interesting and detailed pieces of writing.

Reading will take place every day and your child will be given key words and common words to practise at home. We will be focusing on picture clues, recognising the key words and using our knowledge of sounds to identify new words.

## Maths & Numeracy

This term the children will continue to develop their understanding of number beyond 10, counting forwards and backwards and recognising each number in a variety of ways. They will learn to add and subtract using a range of strategies, including concrete materials such as cubes, counters and Rekenreks, 1p coins, number lines, 10 frames and their fingers.

Through our Toys topic we will explore money in greater depth, recognising coins and using them to pay for two or more items in our role play shop. We will also learn about collecting, sorting, displaying and interpreting information. We hope to design a survey to send home.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: Toys

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

- What types of toys are there?
  - Toys that move by themselves.
  - Toys that are made of metal and stick together
- Who makes toys? How are toys made?
- What toys did our parents/grandparents play with?
- How much do toys cost?



## Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers are Mr Ramsay who will be teaching RME and HWB and Mrs Mitchell who will be teaching P.E.

We will have P.E. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Book Bug Afternoon

On the afternoon of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November, families are invited into the classroom to receive the children's free Book Bug Bags from Scottish Book Trust. A letter with additional information has been sent home.

## Homework

Homework is set on a Monday and should be handed in completed on a Friday. Please practise reading and writing common words as often as possible. Games like snap and pairs, or writing the words using multisensory materials can make homework more fun.