

Primary 2 Learning Letter: Term Two

Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2, we are all looking forward to a busy and fun term. The highlights of last term included making our own stories books based around traditional tales and carrying out lots of experiments in Science to learn more about sound. We really enjoyed sharing our learning with all the parents and carers at our open day afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along!

Mr Nelson
P2 Teacher



English & Literacy

Through the context of our 'people and places in the past,' pupil's writing will focus on a variety of genres including, imaginative and functional. We will write our own newspaper reports based upon a medieval plague. We will aim to include more descriptive vocabulary and detail into our writing by up levelling sentences.

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.

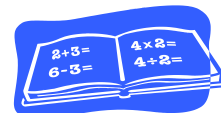


Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on solving number problems initially to 10 then beyond 10. We will also be practicing sums with missing numbers in them.

This term we will be learning all about 2D shapes and 3D objects by looking at buildings in the past. Pupils will learn the names of basic 2D shapes and 3D objects and start to identify their properties. We will also look at where we can find examples of 3D objects in everyday life.

For our Mental Maths we will be following Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning or (SEAL) strategies to reinforce counting, addition and subtraction skills. We will also focus on number talks which will improve our skills when explaining different strategies we can use to work out addition and subtraction facts to 20.



Interdisciplinary Learning:

This term our context for learning is 'People and places in the past.' 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:

1. **What do we think we know and what do we want to find out?**
2. **Who might have lived here and why?**
3. **How were these buildings built and who for?**
4. **What was the plague and did it affect my family?**
5. **How did different families celebrate their survival from the plague?**

Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers are Mr Ramsay who will be teaching French and RME on Monday and Friday. We will have P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs Mitchell and myself. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on these days.

Our Trip to Linlithgow Palace

This term we will be visiting Linlithgow Palace on Monday 16th November. We are all very excited about learning about the Palace and finding out lots about its history. Please can you make sure your child has water proof clothing, trousers, sweatshirt, wellies and a packed lunch.

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.