

# Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term Three



Dear Parent/Carer,

January 2016

Welcome to Term 3 in Primary 1. Last term we enjoyed learning all about toys. We created our own criteria for sorting lots of different toys, and displayed and interpreted information about our toys on a variety of charts and graphs. We learned how to find out about toys from the past. As well as analysing secondary sources, like photographs, a lady from West Lothian Museum services showed us lots of primary sources. The toy shop was a very popular part of the classroom! Performing at the Nativity was another highlight of our term, and I'm sure that you will all agree that the children did a fantastic job.

Mrs Smith, P1a Teacher

## English & Literacy

This term the children will continue to progress their phonological awareness, blending, word and sentence building, and apply these skills to increasingly challenging activities. The children have identified common word reading and writing as a key reading target this term, so we will continue to play lots of different common word games at school and at home. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

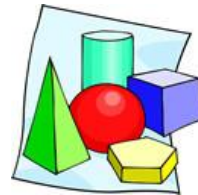
Through the context of our new topic, Space, we are looking forward to exploring non-fiction texts including books, video clips and online texts to find out important information about Space. We also hope to write a Space story, create a poster, a news article and a list.



## Maths & Numeracy

We will continue to develop our understanding of counting, number structure, money, addition and subtraction. The children are very good at explaining what strategies they use to work out a maths problem. Try asking your child at home.

We also plan to explore 2D and 3D shape as we learn about Space. The children would also like to learn more about time, including the days of the week and months of the year, the seasons. We will also learn how to tell o'clock times using analogue and digital time.



## Interdisciplinary Learning: Space



This term we began our topic by creating a 3D mind map of all of the things that we already think and know about Space, and lots of things which we would like to learn. Some of the things which we want to learn about are the Sun, Moon and Earth, the other planets, day and night, astronauts and rockets. We have started to record all of our learning in a floor book. This helps us to reflect on our learning and plan what we would like to learn next.

## Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers are Ms Snobel, who will be teaching us French and RME, and Mrs Mitchell who will be teaching P.E.

We will have P.E. on Mondays and Tuesdays.

## S.T.E.M

We are looking forward to a whole school focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths later this term.

## 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.