

Primary 2 Learning Letter: Term Three

Dear Parent/Carer,

January 2016

Welcome to Term 3, we are all looking forward to a busy and fun term. The highlights of last term included our nativity 'Are We Nearly There Yet?' A big thank you to all the parents and carers for providing us with super costumes we really enjoyed performing and we hoped you enjoyed coming along. We also went on an exciting trip to Linlithgow Palace where we learnt about the people who lived there and what the different rooms in the palace we used for. We hope you had a relaxing Christmas break and are ready for another exciting term.

Mr Nelson
P2 Teacher



English & Literacy

This term reading and writing will have a strong focus on exploring non-fiction texts. The children will have opportunities to discuss and review a variety of genres.

Through the context of our 'people and places in the past,' pupil's will write a news article and diary entry associated with a medieval plague.

In Writing there will be a particular emphasis on identifying and creating noun, verbs and adjectives.

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 reading aloud to develop fluency and expression 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. You can also practise spelling these words with your child.

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 adding and subtracting a single digit number from a two digit number. We will also learn about the word estimate and how we can make accurate estimations for sums and number problems.

This term we will be learning all about data handling. We will be learning how to collect data using tally marks and display data using bar charts. You child will also learn how to read and interpret different types of graphs and charts such as pictograms and bar charts.

We will continue to develop our skills in Mental Maths by doing Number Talks where your child will learn to develop different strategies to solve number problems in real life contexts. We will also be following Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning or (SEAL) strategies to reinforce counting up to and beyond 100 and addition and subtraction skills within 20.

You can support at home through practising quick recall of number bonds (addition and subtraction) facts to 10.



Interdisciplinary Learning:

The first few weeks will see the completion of our context for learning 'People and places in the past.' We will be exploring these final two questions:

1. **What was the plague and did it affect my family?**
2. **How did different families celebrate their survival from the plague?**

We will look forward to sharing with you our next IDL context which will incorporate aspects of people, place and weather with a specific focus on our local geographical area.

Additional Information

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

Non-fiction Focus

This term the children will be creating their own non-fiction book on a topic of personal interest. In the coming weeks we would appreciate your support in discussing specific hobbies or interests that your child might like to produce a non-fiction text about. More information will follow.

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. Please continue to login and explore Purple Mash with your child.