

Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term One

Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2016

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 1. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. In school we are looking forward to a busy and exciting term. Over the first few weeks we have been working hard to establish a positive and effective classroom ethos. This has included getting to know each other, and creating our own Community Contract, which helps pupils, staff and visitors to understand how the school values and children's rights are respected within our classroom.

Mrs Smith, P1 Teacher



Interdisciplinary Learning: Bobby Bear Needs A Home

This term our context for learning is Bobby Bear Needs A Home. We will be learning about this context through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Science and Expressive Arts. The key questions we will explore are:

What does our local landscape look like?

What grows in our local landscape?

What lives in our local landscape?

What is the weather like?

English & Literacy



Through the context of our topic, we will explore our local area in order to find a suitable home for Bobby Bear. As we search, we may need to gather information about the plants and animals which already live in Mid Calder. This may involve learning more about sources of information including non-fiction texts. In addition, we will explore fiction texts, and through a range of stories, we will learn about different characters and settings.

Our writing will focus on a variety of genres including personal, imaginative and functional. We will write letters to Bobby Bear, and create factual posters to present some of our learning. As we explore stories, we will also learn to write character and setting descriptions.

We will learn lots of new sounds, focusing on where and how the sound is made. We will also learn how to recognise and correctly form each letter shape. We look forward to sharing the colour, song and action for each new sound with you.

Maths & Numeracy



This term we will focus on counting forwards and backwards within 20 and beyond. We will play a wide variety of counting games and sing lots of counting songs to help us.

We are also learning to recognise the numeral, word and a variety of dot, sound, finger and picture patterns for each number.

We will also learn to recognise, continue and create shape and colour patterns. Through our topic we will also explore the language of measure (length, weight and capacity).

Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers will be:

- Kevin, Enjoy-a-ball.

We will also enjoy weekly singing practice with our P7 buddies.

P.E. is on Monday and Thursday.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Monday to be returned on a Friday. It may include reading, phonics, maths and topic-related tasks.

Please remember to bring reading books and reading records to school every day.

Whole School Money Week

From Monday 3rd October, the whole school will engage in a week of money and finance focused learning.

Open Afternoon

On Thursday 24th November, parents and carers will be invited into the classrooms to share our learning about reading. Details to follow.