

Primary 2 Learning Letter: Term One

Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2016

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 2. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. 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 George, P2/1 Teacher



Interdisciplinary Learning: Buddy Bear Needs A Home

This term our context for learning is Buddy 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 Buddy Bear. As we search, we may need to gather information about the plants and animals which already live in Mid Calder, and how these living things depend on each other. This may involve learning more about sources of information including non-fiction texts and online research. In addition, we will explore fiction texts, and through a range of stories, we will learn about different characters, settings and plots.

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 more detailed character and setting descriptions.

We will focus on a new spelling pattern each week, which will be explored in class through a variety of tasks and games.

Maths & Numeracy



This term we will continue to focus on numbers to 100: counting forwards and backwards in different sequences; recognising and writing the numerals; and exploring their structure.

We will consolidate and build on the addition and subtraction strategies we learned last year, and begin to explore multiplication and division in more detail.

As we continue our topic and begin to research the local area and weather, we will also explore pattern, and elements of measure and time.

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. will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Monday to be returned on a Friday. It may include reading, spelling, 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.