

# Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term Two

Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2016

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 1. The highlights of last term included our visits from Bobby Bear and our trip out to Almondell and Calderwood Country Park. We hope you enjoyed reading about our activities and looking at the photographs on the School Blog. This term we are looking forward to learning all about Fairytales through reading the story of The Jolly Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We are also beginning to practise our Nativity.



Mrs Smith  
P1 Teacher

## English & Literacy

This term the children will continue to develop their phonological knowledge. As well as continuing to read and build words using an increasing number of sounds, the children will begin to build sentences by applying spelling skills and their knowledge of key and common words.

Through the context of our 'Jolly Postman' topic, pupil's writing will focus on a variety of genres including personal, imaginative and functional. We will aim to include a range of descriptive vocabulary and connectives to create interesting and detailed pieces of writing.

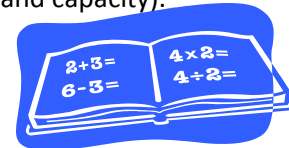
Reading will take place every day and your child will be given key words and common words to practise at home. We will be focusing on picture clues, recognising the key words and using our knowledge of sounds to identify new words.

## Maths & Numeracy

This term the children will continue to develop their understanding of number beyond 10, counting forwards and backwards and recognising each number in a variety of ways.

They will learn to add and subtract using a range of strategies, including concrete materials such as cubes, counters and Rekenreks, number lines, 10 frames and their fingers.

As we continue our topic, we will also learn to recognise, continue and create shape and colour patterns, as well as exploring the language of measure (length, weight and capacity).



## Interdisciplinary Learning: The Jolly Postman

This term our context for learning is The Jolly Postman and Fairy tales. We will be learning about this context through the curriculum areas of English and Literacy, Maths and Numeracy, and Technologies.

The key questions we will explore are:

- What is a Fairy tale?
- What is the structure of a Fairy tale?
- What is a typical setting for a Fairy tale?
- What types of characters are there in Fairy tales?
- What happens to letters when we post them?

### Additional Information

This term our PE will be on Monday and Thursday.

### Nativity

This year P1 will perform the Nativity, as part of the Infant Department Show.

### Open Afternoon

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November parents and carers will be invited into the classrooms to share how we are exploring reading through our IDL

Details to follow.

### 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.