

Primary 2/1 Learning Letter: Term Two

Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2016

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 2/1. The highlights of last term included our visit from Buddy Bear and our trip 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 exploring our IDL context of 'Cops and Robbers'. We are also beginning to practice the P1 Nativity and P2 - P3 Christmas show.

Mrs George, P2/1 Teacher



Interdisciplinary Learning: Cops and Robber

This term our context for learning is the children's fiction book, Cops and Robbers by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. As well as exploring the story and its characters and plot in more detail, we will learn more about the work of police officers and how they help to look after us. We have started to set up our role play area as a police station, with wanted posters, police reports, a telephone and keys. We are even turning our tent into a jail. We also hope to engage in lots of different drama conventions to deepen our understanding of the story. Finally, we hope to learn more about some other jobs which we are interested in including perhaps the fire brigade.

English & Literacy



This term the Primary 1 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 segmenting skills and their knowledge of key and common words. In Primary 2 we will continue to learn weekly spelling patterns and build on our knowledge of common and tricky words.

Through the context of our topic, we will explore plot, sequencing, characters and settings, and engage in a variety of writing genres including imaginative and functional. We will retell parts of the story, write character and setting descriptions and write instructions. We also hope to explore non-fiction texts as we learn about different people who help us.

Maths & Numeracy



Primary 1 will continue to develop their understanding of number beyond 10, counting forwards and backwards, ordering and sequencing, and representing numbers in a variety of ways. We will also learn to add and subtract using a range of strategies and concrete materials.

The P2 children will continue to add and subtract two digit numbers and apply this to increasingly challenging problems involving exchanging. They will also continue to build on their understanding of multiplication and division through skip counting, creating and interpreting array patterns and reciting their times tables with the help of Percy Parker songs.

The whole class shall also explore measure, including length, height, weight and capacity.

Additional Information

This term our specialist teachers will be:

- Kevin, Enjoy-a-ball.

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.

Open Afternoon

On Thursday 24th November, parents and carers will be invited into the classrooms to share how we are exploring reading through our topic.

Nativity and Christmas Show

This year Primary 1 will perform their own Nativity, and Primary 2 and 3 will perform a separate Christmas show based on the BFG. These will be performed consecutively as part of the infant department Christmas show.