

Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term Four



Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2017

Welcome to Term 4 in Primary 1. First of all, a huge thank you for the support you gave last term. It was a very busy time for us, but we enjoyed lots of new experiences in our learning journey. Hopefully the children were enthusiastic about sharing their learning with you at home too. Highlights of last term included our visit to Stirling Castle and the Ball In The Hall with our P7 Buddies. As part of the STEM 'Building Our Nursery' topic, we also enjoyed a visit to the Robertson Homes building site. This helped us to understand how buildings are created, and how everyone has an important role to play during the building process.

Now, there is a lot to look forward to in the term ahead. This includes our new IDL context-Pirates and our Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Smith P1 Teacher

English & Literacy



This term the children will continue to develop their skills in Phonics. They will practise blending and segmenting sounds to read and write new words. We will create and write sentences using full stops, capital letters and finger spaces as we write. We will also begin to up-level our sentences by adding connectives and adjectives.

In Reading, we will explore different genres and discuss what we like or dislike about the texts we read. We will use Bloom's Questions to help us consider texts, and we will learn to ask our own questions about what we are reading.

Through the context of our Pirates topic, we are looking forward to exploring non-fiction books to gather relevant information about Pirates. We will identify and extract information from the Contents and Index pages to help us.

Our Writing tasks will continue to include writing descriptions of settings and characters, writing imaginative stories, lists, labels and instructions.

Maths & Numeracy

This term we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of numbers beyond 10. We will continue to count forwards and backwards and identify numbers before, after and between in a sequence of numbers.

We will practise skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will begin to explore early multiplication and division by making equal groups of items and by sharing equally.

Addition and subtraction will also continue this term.

Regular Number Talks will develop the children's understanding of number and encourage them to share their ideas and demonstrate their understanding.

We will begin to use simple directions and describe positions.

This will be reinforced by using the programmable Beebots.

We will also begin to look at o'clock times and half past times on analogue and digital displays.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Pirates

This term our context for learning is Pirates. We will be learning about this through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Maths and Numeracy and Expressive Arts.

The key questions we will explore are:

1. What is a pirate and what do they look like?
2. What do pirate boats look like?
3. What jobs were done on a pirate boat?
4. Why do pirates sail across the ocean?
5. How do pirates find treasure?



Additional Information

This term Mrs Keane and Mrs Redmond will be teaching RME and Health and Wellbeing.



We will have P.E. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Assembly

On Friday 26th May we will be presenting our Assembly. You will receive a letter giving more details about this in due course.



Homework

Homework continues to be set on a Monday and should be completed and handed in 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.