

Primary 1 Newsletter

January - March 2020

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you are feeling refreshed for the term ahead! We had a busy time last term with the highlight being our nativity. We are looking forward to seeing you all again for parent consultation night on Thursday 26th March.



Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy we will be learning to add by counting on and then learning to subtract. Initially, we will use practical materials to subtract and then we will learn strategies to subtract mentally. We will also be investigating length, weight and capacity through practical tasks and investigations. If you wish to practise using a computer at home you can search for 'Topmarks key stage 1 maths'. Here you will find a wide range of suitable games.

Interdisciplinary Learning

At the beginning of this term we will be investigating Scots language and having a celebration of Scotland through a vertical learning day with the Primary Twos. Alongside this we will begin to learn about water, weather and seasons. We will be investigating the properties of water, types of weather, how weather is recorded and how weather changes over the seasons. We will also be investigating the journeys we make, looking at how we travel and creating maps of our journeys. We would love to have visitors to answer our questions so if you have an interest or job that involves transport of any kind please let us know. We are happy to e-mail our questions if you do not wish to come in!

Literacy & English



This term some of our Literacy will continue to be developed through our topics to make it more fun and relevant for the children. Our main focusses will be: talking about our ideas and giving reasons for our opinions, recognising and using features of non-fiction texts, using capital letters and full stops when writing stories and continuing to learn 'tricky words' such as 'they', 'there' and 'said'. We will be continuing to practise blending sounds to read words and to segment words into their different sounds in order to write them. This term we will be learning about sounds made of two letters such as ch, th, sh, wh, ph, ee, oo and ck. Please continue to hear your child's reading at least twice a week and to give lots of praise and encouragement. Ideally the reading books should be brought to school each day in the children's schoolbags as we cannot issue new books until the previous ones have been returned.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will be focusing on gymnastics in PE. Our PE days are still a Thursday and a Friday. We ask that the children come to school wearing their PE kit on both of these days. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate polo shirts (no football colours or specialist clothing required). The children still need to change their shoes on these days so please avoid lacing shoes if your child cannot tie their own laces. Through our 'Jigsaw' lessons we will be learning about perseverance, goal setting, stranger danger and how to keep our bodies healthy.

Additional Information

Parents Evening is Thursday 26th March.
All classes will have Miss Hendrie for RME, Music and Maths.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you
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