



Primary 2/1 Newsletter

Term 2 2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to term 2, We would like to wish our families celebrating Diwali a very happy Diwali and hope you have all had a lovely October week break. This term is wonderfully busy with lots of learning focusing on special celebrations. Please find below an overview of the intended learning for this term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. With kind regards, Katie Budge.

Literacy and English

This term, we are looking forward to enjoying together our first, class novel 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. We hope that through sharing this novel we will promote a love and enjoyment of reading, develop listening and talking skills through our class discussions. Children will continue to develop their reading knowledge and skills through their group weekly reading book. Primary 1 have just received their very first reading book! We hope you and your child are thoroughly enjoying the many adventures of Biff and Chip.

Please could all reading records, reading books and P2 ditty reading activity sheets be stored in each child's plastic reading folder. Primary 1 will receive a new reader on a Monday and Wednesday. Primary 2 will receive their new reader on a Thursday. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school **daily** and that it remains in their school bag throughout the week.

Primary 2: We will continue to develop fluency in blending 3 and 4 lettered words including many of the initial consonant blends listed below.

rk	nd	st	mp	bl	sl	pr
lt	sk	nt	ft	cl	pl	fr
sp	lk	ft	ng	fl	tr	
nk	br	cr	dr	gl	gr	

Primary 1: We will continue to learn to recognise, write and name our initial sounds. Emphasis will be placed on blending 3 lettered words to develop decoding skills.

Admin

P2/1 - Our timetabled P.E. session is on a **Monday**. P.E. sessions will be led by our P.E. specialist Mr Murray, please come to school wearing appropriate P.E. kit.

Throughout the week there will be opportunities for additional P.E. focusing on social dancing, listening and working together as part of team in preparation for our Christmas party. School uniform is fine for this type of activity.

Outdoor learning sessions will continue to be on a Friday. We will be participating in outdoor learning in all weathers. Please could children wear appropriate clothing and importantly bring a pair of wellies to change into for our outdoor learning sessions as this term it is especially muddy! This term, we will continue our RSPB 'Wild Challenge' learning focusing on seasonal woodland changes, nocturnal animals, migration and the woodland habitat.

Numeracy and Mathematics

Primary 2: We will be introducing and exploring adding and subtracting numbers within 20. Our focus this term will be placed on learning to sequence, count, write and develop number knowledge of numbers to 100.

Primary 1: We will be learning to add and take away within 10. Emphasis this term will be placed on correctly forming our numbers when writing.

This term, we will be learning about time. Firstly, building upon prior learning through revising reading and recording 'o'clock' on an analogue and digital clock. Through, investigation we will learn that there are 60 minutes in an hour and make links with fractions to help the children identify (read/record) half past on an analogue and digital clock.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Science

This term we will welcome a very special guest to our class from a far away planet. Our special guest will help us learn all about,

- The Planets and Planet Earth
- The Moon and Stars
- Day and Night

RME

This session the children will be learning all about Diwali and Christmas. The children will have the opportunity to learn about these special celebrations through stories, song, dance and investigation.

Health and Wellbeing

With the dark mornings and afternoons upon us, we will be revisiting, reinforcing, and learning about ways to keep ourselves safe when crossing the road. We will investigate how we can be bright and be seen by wearing fluorescent and reflective items of clothing. In class, we will also revisit, reinforce and extend the children's knowledge of firework safety.

Diary Dates

Sponsored Walk	Monday 4th Nov
P2 Open Classroom Read Write Count	Tuesday 19th Nov
Book Week Scotland	Mon 18 th – 24 th Nov
Christmas Party	Wednesday 18 th Dec