



# Term 2 - P1



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed some quality family time over the October holidays. Please see below for details about your child's learning over Term 2. Thank you for all the help you are currently giving to support learning letter sounds and word building at home. It really does make a difference.

## Literacy and English

- Using Jolly Phonics to learn letter sounds - we will learn two sounds a week this term
- Reading and spelling 3 letter words
- Learning to write letters with correct formation
- Learning to write our first name
- Learning to read and write some tricky words e.g. I, the, no, put, to, is, his
- Reading and discussing Word Boost books - story books that help us develop our vocabulary
- Creative writing and detailed drawing
- Using drama to explore the writing process and understand story structure

## Numeracy

- Sequencing numerals 1-20+
- Learning numbers after/ before
- Learning the 'count on' strategy and adding with one collection hidden
- Making finger patterns
- Writing numerals and number sentences

## Maths

- **Measure (length)** - vocabulary (e.g. longer/shorter, taller/smaller), comparing and ordering objects, measuring pupil's height using hands
- **Positional Language** - up, down, left, right, forwards, backwards

## Learning Across the Curriculum

Children have opportunities to learn across the curriculum through play. They are photographed while playing and these pictures are talked about then put into our progressive play planner. We note down areas of interest, discuss next steps in learning and talk about the skills they are developing.

### Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning sessions remain on alternate Fridays. Please wear wellies and bring a change of shoes so their feet can stay dry.

### Dates for your diary / Special events

- Diwali celebrations
- Halloween Tricky Ricky Show - 28<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Scottish Book week 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Book Bug bags - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov (1.30 - 2.30pm)
- Stories around the campfire - 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Road Safety magic show - 7<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Christmas parties and festive activities

## Admin and other info

PE days are now every Friday for P1A and two shorter sessions on Mondays and Thursdays for P1B. It would be helpful if your child could wear comfortable school uniform e.g. jogging bottoms and trainers.

Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing, including suitable footwear that they can take on and off themselves and a warm, waterproof jacket.

Please provide a snack for your child to eat during morning break. One item is ideal and it should be easily located for your child to find in their bag.

Check out our weekly tweets on twitter @Balgreen Primary #BalgreenP1A #BalgreenP1B to get a snap shot of what we have been learning.

If you have any questions or queries please email the school at [admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk](mailto:admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk)

Kind wishes, P1 Team