



Primary 2 Newsletter

Term 1 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Primary 2! We are thrilled with how the children have settled into Primary 2 and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know them. We hope you find this termly newsletter informative. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. With best wishes, Mrs McNeill and Mrs Gillies.

Literacy and English

This term, we will read a wide range of stories and texts with the children, many of which will be self-selected by the children based on their interests. We hope that by sharing these wonderful stories we will prompt a love and enjoyment of reading, develop listening and talking skills through class discussions.

This term we begin with revising all of the initial sounds and focus on rhyme before progressing to learning the initial and final consonant blends:

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	

Children will continue to develop their decoding skills and knowledge of sounds through their weekly group reader. Please ensure your child brings their reading folder to school **daily** and that it remains in their school bag throughout the week.

We will continue to revise and consolidate the formation of all letters including capital letters. Each week we look forward to our writing sessions to reinforce our skills in sentence construction and storytelling.

Admin

P2A - Our timetabled P.E. sessions are on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

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 fitness workouts, listening skills and working as a team. School uniform is fine for this type of activity.

Outdoor learning sessions will be on a **Friday**. This term, we will be observing how our woodlands change from Summer to Autumn and start working towards our Bronze RSPB Wild Challenge award.

As we will be participating in outdoor learning in all weathers. Please could children wear appropriate clothing such as a waterproof jacket and bring a pair of wellington boots to change into.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In Numeracy, we will be revising number sequencing, counting forwards and backwards and addition and subtraction within 20.

In Maths, we will firstly focus on naming and describing the features of simple 2D and 3D shapes such as cubes, cuboids, cones, cylinders, spheres, pyramids, pentagons, and hexagons. We will progress to information handling including the creation of pictograms, bar charts, and simple Venn and Carrol diagrams.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our focus this term is Health and Wellbeing. Through circle time games and discussions, the reading of carefully selected stories and through learning many Fischy music songs the children will explore their emotions and develop knowledge of why it is important and how to:

Keep safe
Keep healthy
Keep active

Padlet

For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below.

<https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v>



Diary Dates

Monday 16 th September	Holiday
Wed 25 th /Thurs 26 th September	Individual school photos
Tue 8 th and Wed 9 th October	Parent Consultations
Monday 14 th to Friday 18 th Oct	October Holiday
Monday 21 st October	Inservice Day

Don't forget to name all of your child's clothes and water bottles!

