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Term Ahead Letter: Primary 2 - October to December

The information below outlines what we will be working on in Primary 2 this term.

Literacy and English

In reading, we will be following Literacy Rich Edinburgh and will finish block 2 vowel digraphs and start block 3 initial and end blends. Pupils will read sentences containing block 2 and 3 spellings. In order to read with expression, we will explore the use of grammar and punctuation in texts. Pupils will be encouraged to ask different questions (involving higher order thinking) to help sense making. Linked to writing, we will read a variety of poems to build phonological awareness / rhyming / listening and talking skills. Pupils will read a variety of stories linked to different cultural events and festival such as Diwali and Christmas as a whole class.

In writing, pupils will be introduced to the use of word banks to support sentence writing and will start to use the connective 'and' in their sentences. This term, we will be covering poetry and learning how to write an acrostic poem as well as exploring rhyming couplets. We will continue to build on story creating through helicopter stories. We will practice spelling words with initial and final blends and practice writing using block 2 and 3 common words.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In numeracy, we will practice correctly using the (+) and (-) and (=) symbol to record an addition and subtraction problem. We will investigate estimating quantities within 20 - in rows and random patterns . Pupils will explore the relationship between addition and subtraction within 0-20 and find related fact using 'fact families'. Pupils will build knowledge and confidence using different addition strategies including counting on using a number line and starting from the higher number . Pupils will continue to develop knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 and solve addition sums with missing addend e.g 5 + ? = 11.

In maths, we will be learning about time. We will sequence days of the week and months of the year then move onto reading and recording o'clock and half past times on analogue and digital clocks. We will also learn about probability (chance) where we will make predictions using the vocabulary certain / not certain and always, sometimes or never.

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our interdisciplinary topic this term will be Christmas around the World. We will explore key traditions from different countries represented within P2 (Pakistan / Netherlands / Greece / France / Poland / Sweden / Russia) and compare similarities and differences between Christmas celebrations from around the world. As part of this, we will read traditional Christmas stories from these different countries.

In Science we will learn about the moon and look at the lunar cycle. We will also learn about sun movements across day and night.

In technology, we will use a range of tools and equipment when working with textiles.

In health and wellbeing, we will continue to work develop our understanding of different emotions and work on regulation strategies to support us getting back to the green zone.

Pupils will learn how to tie knots and will be exploring woodlands with the changing seasons during outdoor learning sessions.

Admin

P.E:
P2A: Thursdays with Mr Murray
P2B: Wednesdays with Mr Murray

Outdoor Learning: We will continue weekly outdoor learning sessions **every Friday.** Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for all weathers, with a waterproof jacket and suitable shoes.

Homework: In line with the school homework policy, there will be no assigned weekly homework. We will however provide an optional home learning wall that further supports the learning that is taking place in class and provide copies of all new sounds and tricky words.

Important Dates:

- 29th October: Spooky Do.
- 18th November – Book Bug event
- 14th and 15th December: Christmas Song Concerts
- 16th December P2 Party

For updates about our learning, please access our school Padlet on our school website or use this QR code.

Kind wishes,

Mrs Harris, Miss Dorrian and Mrs Jellema