

# Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High

## Literacy

### Reading

RWI reading groups have now restarted and reading books will start being sent home from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. The books sent home are from the previous week and will be sent home on a Tuesday and collected back in on a Thursday. A letter will be sent home in your child's book bag with more information about this.

### Writing

We are going to be focussing on functional writing this term, learning about how to write letters, instructions and reports. The class will also take part in a weekly focussed handwriting lesson with a focus on letter formation, letter sizing and developing a greater awareness of where letters sit on the writing line.

### Listening and Talking

Weekly circle time sessions will continue, which provide the children with the chance to talk about and discuss a range of topics. Show and tell once a month also allows children the opportunity to develop their listening and questioning skills. **Show and tell will take place on the first Monday of every month.**

## Numeracy and Maths

In maths we will be beginning a block of work on measure. This will include working with length, weight, volume and area.

In numeracy we are developing a range of skills. Most of the class have been working on developing their understanding of numbers to 100. We are continuing to develop our addition strategies, working on sums which involve crossing over 10 (or a multiple of 10). We have also been looking at doubles and halves and will be exploring the links between this and multiplication and division strategies. We have also begun to look at fractions. We have done some work on identifying a half and our next step will be to explore quarters.

## Health and Wellbeing

Since before Christmas, we have been using the well-being indicators as a stimulus for our weekly circle time sessions. This has been happening throughout the school. We have explored what these indicators are and what they mean for us in school and at home. We have also explored ways in which we can support each other with these.

In PE we are currently receiving athletics coaching on a Friday morning. We have had 2 sessions so far with another 2 planned before the February holiday. We have also continued with our Monday PE lessons and have been joining up with p2/3 and p3 to do some Scottish country dancing.



**Primary 2  
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### Dates to look out for:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – wider achievement assembly (please encourage your child to return any achievement slips before this date).
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February – safer internet day workshops in school.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February – February holiday.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – P2 class assembly at 2.30pm.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – school book fair. Please note a letter will be sent out nearer the time with our class slot for visiting this.
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World book day shared start.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Cuiken's got talent
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – reports sent home.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – all break for Easter holidays.

## Other curricular areas

For the first couple of week back after Christmas we finished off some learning from the work we had done about weather. We explored the water cycle and made our own water cycles in a bag, which can be seen stuck to our classroom window. We will continue to do some more science lessons involving water between now and Easter.

We have just started learning about Chinese New Year, which will be the focus of our up-coming class assembly. This will be part of a wider festivals topic in which we will compare some different festivals from around the world to ones which many of us celebrate here in Scotland.

The children will continue weekly music lessons with Mrs Callaghan on a Monday. She is currently working with this class on some songs for our upcoming assembly.

## Other information:

- Maths homework will continue to be sent out on a Monday and will be due in by the Friday of the same week. Reading will be sent home Tuesday – Thursday.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with their book bag **every day**. This allows maths homework to be placed safely in it on a Monday and allows for school library books to be returned to school on a Friday.
- A reminder that we ask that **toys are not brought into school from home** unless for show and tell as these are becoming a distraction for some pupils and we don't want toys getting lost or broken.
- Please ensure your child's name is on all school clothing, particularly jumpers and cardigans. This helps us to return misplaced jumpers to the correct child and reduces the risk of these items being lost. It is also useful for water bottles to be named for the same reason. Please also note that water bottles should only contain water and not juice.
- PE will remain on a Monday, with an additional Friday lesson until the February holiday.
- Our library slot is on a Friday, with pupils getting the chance to choose a school library book to share with someone at home. Please ensure these books are brought to school on a Friday so your child can either renew the book or return it and choose a new one.