



Primary 1 Newsletter - Term 3

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 1 this term.

Literacy -

Children will continue to learn new sounds each week. Information about current sounds can be found displayed in the classroom windows.

Your child should now have a full set of magnetic letters and we will issue additional letters as required for word building. If you require any additional letters as replacements, please let us know.

We have been learning tricky words in class and we will continue to do so. We will be sending these words home to consolidate learning. Tricky words are words which cannot be sounded out and just need to be learned for reading and writing (words like I, the, to, go). Please try to spend a short time each night revising sounds, tricky words and building words with your child.

All children have reading books and a reading record where you will find information about your child's reading. Please use this to communicate how your child is reading at home and send it in with your red bag **every day**.

Your child will also receive key words (different from tricky words) which support reading fluency. Please practise these as well so that your child can recognise these by sight.

Numeracy and Maths -

This term we will continue to develop the children's number knowledge through the introduction of the four operations (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). We will also begin to learn about time. This will include; days of the week, months of the year, seasons and simple analogue clock times. The children will have lots of opportunities to explore these concepts through play, small group teaching input and problem solving challenges. You can support your child by practising number formation, counting up and down, recognising numerals and applying numbers to real life contexts (How many biscuits will each of us need? What number is that? Sharing out sweeties etc.)

Health and Wellbeing-

Children enjoy PE time with our specialists and have been learning ball skills and simple Scottish dancing. This term, we will be learning about different emotions and how to manage them.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

Our Discovery Zone allows us to use the children's interests to plan topics. So far we have looked at food chains, plants and how they grow, predators and prey, and the Nativity story. We are always looking for things to enhance learning such as nuts and bolts, wire, corks, old CDs, natural materials, old electrical equipment and of course, junk for our junk modelling area. Friday is our "bring it in" day!

We are also learning French and so far we have been learning greetings, colours, and numbers to 5. This term we will be learning the days of the week, classroom commands and learning about French culture.

We have made some progress developing our outdoor learning space. A big thank you to Mr Renwick for his time building storage for our loose parts play. We are now looking to create an outdoor sand pit and mud kitchen. Please contact us if you are able to help in any way.

Parent Helpers -

We would love to hear from parents (or grandparents!) who would be willing to spare some time to support the children in school. It is always appreciated having additional adults who could play games with groups of children, supervise craft activities, share stories, or share a special talent. Please get in touch with your child's teacher if you are able to come in to help us. Thank you to parents who already give up their time to support learning in Primary one. We really appreciate your help and look forward to seeing more parents in class.

Miss Ferguson, Mrs Pettigrew, Mrs Douglas
and Miss Brady