



## Primary 2 Newsletter - Term 2

Welcome again to the Primary 2 newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful October break. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 2 this term.

### Literacy -

Children will be learning magic 'e'. We plan to study 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' as our class novel and lots of our Literacy will link to this. We will issue reading books regularly and key/common words to practise at home. An envelope or small container would be a useful addition to help store these in the red bags. Some additional resources, for example, extended stories or tasks may be provided to further the reading experience. Our writing will include many different genres this year. We have already written reports, poems, instructions and stories and we hope to build on this in Term 2. Each time we write we will be checking our work for capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and tricky words. We have also started to practise cursive writing. This is tricky to begin with but is very valuable in the long run!

### Numeracy and Maths -

This term, there will be a focus on information and data handling. The children will collect, organise and display data. We will create simple tables, bar graphs and diagrams. We will also try some problem solving. The children will be using patterns, pictures, diagrams and drawings to record their ideas. They will also learn to 'Act out a Situation' to help expand their knowledge of problem solving strategies. We will continue with number sequences to 30, adding and subtracting and multiplying and dividing within 20.

### Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term we will be spending a lot of our time preparing for Christmas. The children will be creating lots of artwork, crafts for the Christmas Fair and Christmas cards. We will also be continuing our Garden theme and are having a visit from Zoolab to teach the children about nocturnal animals. We will have a focus on Dance, introducing the children to some simple Scottish Country Dancing, and Drama will link to our Health and Well-Being work on friendships and feelings this term.

### Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know!

### Health and Wellbeing-

Our PE day is Monday (P2A) and Monday/Wednesday (P2B).

This term we are focusing on 'Safety' as the season has changed, the nights are drawing in and darkness falls much earlier. Both road safety and Bonfire Night/fireworks will be discussed to ensure everyone stays safe at this time of year.

We will also be looking at feelings and friendships and considering how we can improve relationships and promote positive behaviour.

### Ideas for Learning at Home-

**Reading:** Please use the 'Suggested Reading Activities' sheet handed out at Parents' Evening to build on reading taught in school and to enhance the reading experience between you and your child at home. These can be done at a time which is convenient, with any book, including those on your bookshelf at home or from regular trips to the local library. We will issue reading books regularly and key/common words to practise at home. An envelope or small container would be a useful addition to help store these in the red bags.

**Spelling:** Spelling City passwords will be issued soon. We will practise logging on and accessing the games and activities with the children first.

**Number:** Please use the 'Suggested Numeracy Activities and Number Cards' we discussed with you at Parents' Evening (these will be winging their way to you soon). Again, these can be done at any time; in the car, at the shops or when you have a spare few minutes at home to work with the cards. Store the cards in a handy tub for regular use. Sum Dog passwords will be issued soon. We will practise logging on and accessing the games and activities with the children first.

### Vision, Values and Expectations

We recently launched our new Bonnyrigg Vision:

'Today we achieve. Tomorrow we make a difference.'

Our core values are:

Safe, Achieving, Confident and Happy

Our expectations for all in our school community are that we are:

Safe, Respectful and Ready to Learn



Mrs Bowman, Mrs Sneddon & Mr Simkin