



Primary 3 Newsletter - Term 2

Welcome to the Primary 3 Term 2 newsletter! Term 1 passed so quickly, we can't believe it's November already! The children have adapted so well to all the new arrangements in class and we are very proud of them. We know that Christmas will be a little different in school this year but we are just as excited as usual about all the wonderful things we have planned.

Literacy -

We have introduced a new way of learning our spelling words, each week focusing on a different pattern. We will practise our words regularly and you can support this at home by using Spelling City (passwords have already been issued). Reading books are being sent home and we would like to remind you that they should be returned to school on a Thursday. For writing this term we will be looking at creating posters and writing our own poems. We are continuing to focus on sentence structure, including correct punctuation; capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Numeracy and Maths -

We continue to work on basic maths facts; place value and the **4 operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division**. We will look at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, sharing into equal groups and addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers. In Maths we will be working on shape and information handling including, grid reference, compass points, bar graphs, pie charts and Venn diagrams.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

In Science we will be looking at food chains; exploring examples of food chains and beginning to show an understanding of how animals and plants depend on each other for food. We will reflect on the Covid19 regulations with the pupils and allow them time to discuss any changes to their lives as the current situation evolves. This will always be done in a sensitive way. We will continue to look at weather and weather forecasting in class. Maybe we have our very own Sean Batty in P3!

Wider Achievements -

It has been lovely to hear all about our wonderful pupils out of school activities. We have heard about Irish dancing, football, ballet, gymnastics and Brownies this term. Please continue to share all your news with us.

Health and Wellbeing -

Primary 3A continue to have PE on Tuesday and Thursday. Primary 3B on a Tuesday and Wednesday. PE will take place inside and outside in line with current guidelines. Your child should still come to school in sportswear on these days. We will be learning about medicines and how to store and use these safely. We will also be looking at how our choices can affect our health and wellbeing. We will be taking part in some mindfulness activities including yoga and meditation!

Ideas for Learning at Home -

We have recently issued all the passwords you will need to access Sumdog, Spelling City and Education City. The children are familiar with these websites and should be able to navigate their way around each activity! Please contact us if you need any passwords re-issued.

Names on clothes -

As always please ensure that children have their clothes clearly labelled. This includes school sweatshirts, jumpers, cardigans, footwear and gym shoes as well as all gym kit.

Finally we would like to thank you all for the support you have given us over the last term. We have loved being with our fantastic pupils in Team P3.

Mrs Bowman, Mrs Sheddon and Miss Edmond