

Primary 1 Newsletter

This is a busy Term 2 for Primary 1 with lots of excitement leading up to Christmas. There will be the Christmas Fair, parties and of course the visit to the Panto.

Literacy

The children will be continuing to learn two sounds a week. This term we will be focusing more on using our knowledge of the sounds to blend simple words. They will be using the strategy of Say, Make/Break, Blend, Read and Write. There will be simple CVC words sent home each week to learn and to practise sounding out and blending. The reading books will go home twice a week and the children are encouraged to have a go at reading on their own (with a little help from home). The children will be looking at a different reading skill each week and be encouraged to use these word attack strategies if they come across unfamiliar and tricky words. Primary 1 does Big Writing once a week and will continue to practise letter control and formation. They are now being encouraged to have a go at writing on their own and there will be opportunities to practise this in our Role Play area.

Numeracy

Primary 1 will be continuing numbers to 10 this term. We are using lots of active games to help us with our counting and we have been practising our number formation. We can sing a song about the days of the week and the months of the year. Primary 1 are also going to focus on measurement and will be completing lots of activities using non-standard units of measurement. We will have an Elves workshop to weight and measure presents and a Post Office to measure area of envelopes.

Topic

My Family – we will finish our topic of My Family by doing a presentation on our own families. We are also going to look at how some families live around the world, relating to the UNCRC and Rights of the Child.

Road Safety – we will complete a week of road safety activities to ensure that the children can cross the road safely and understand the importance of being seen on the dark nights.

What Christmas Means to me – on the run up to Christmas we will be looking at what Christmas means to us. We will look at the colours, decorations, food and songs relating to Christmas and then look at the Story of the Birth of Jesus.

French

Primary 1 will continue learning French in class. They will be learning a French Christmas song and basic greetings.

Homework – All homework handed out, to be completed and returned the next day.

Literacy – Monday and Wednesday (Phonics) Thursday (Spelling)

Thank you very much for your continued support with the children's homework. They will have the songs to practise and an activity relating to the sounds that they learn during the week.

Word boxes are included in their packs for the children to practise at home which will include phonic sounds and tricky spelling words.

Reading – The children will have 2 reading books a week, and they are encouraged to try to read independently.

Numeracy – Tuesday

They will have various number activities to complete.

Specialists

Monday – Expressive Arts (Mr Ralph)

Tuesday – Science (Mrs Rankine)

Ball Skills (Mrs Gray)

Wednesday – French (Mrs Sullivan-Lynch)

Thursday – Music (Mr Park)

P.E. (Mrs Rankine)