P2MS Newsletter

Hello! And welcome back to term 2 of Primary 2. I hope that you all enjoyed your October break and are ready for another busy term.

Thank you to you all for attending parents’ meetings with myself towards the end of term 1. Let me take this opportunity to remind you that my door is always open should there be anything you wish to discuss further.

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you of what your child will be learning about for this term until the Christmas break. I have also included other information that may be of assistance. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Glow

Everyone should now have access to their Glow page, which will be necessary to see homework each week.

If you cannot access Glow please let me know as soon as possible and I am able to reset passwords for you.

Homework & Library

* Homework will still be issued on a Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday.
* Your child will have an opportunity to choose a library book every Wednesday. Please spend time with your child reading their book with them. Books are expected to be returned to the library the following week, unless you choose to keep it for an additional week.
* Your child has the opportunity to share something once a week with their class. In term 2, we will now be moving on from sharing things like toys or books and encouraging the children to share achievements with their class. Hopefully the children will enjoy this and make sharing time more interesting!

Dates for your diary

We are very excited to inform you that P2 will be joining with P3 for this year’s nativity called “The Midwife Crisis”. P2MS will be joining with P3CS for two performances. 2 tickets will be available for each family. Performance times for P2MS can be seen below with other important dates:

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| In – service days | Monday 13th November  Tuesday 14th November |
| Children in Need – dress down or dress spotty | Thursday 16th November |
| School photos | Friday 17th December |
| Nativity | Tuesday 12th December – 2.15  Wednesday 13th December – 9.45 |

Term 2 Timetable

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Science with Mrs Skinner. | Art with Mrs Matthew. | Assembly (10:00) | Activity time (14:00) | All day with Mrs Skinner. |
| Homework handed in.  Paired Reading books home.  Reading books home for some. | Reading books home for some.  Mindfulness with Donna Fairley (half class). | New homework given out. | Reading books home for all. | PE with Mr Adey (11:00). |

Literacy

Phonics – Each week, the class will be introduced to a new phonic sound. This will be done through an active approach, with a variety of activities to help the children practise and consolidate their phonic knowledge.

Spelling – Each week, the class will be given 4 spelling words. The words are introduced to the children along with the spelling strategies to help them to understand and to retain the words. In class, we will practise the spelling words daily, through an active approach, and will discuss the strategies we used to help us.

Writing – The children will be developing their writing skills this term through a personal recount focus. We will be focusing on using a wider selection of connectives, openers and correct punctuation.

Reading – Each child will receive two reading books home every week. Some will receive a new book on a Monday and some on a Tuesday. However, all children will receive a new reading book on Thursday. This term, we will be concentrating on looking for the sounds we know to help us to read words. Reading books should still be brought to school every day to allow the class to focus on comprehension work.

Primary 2 will also be taking part in the Paired Reading scheme this term, with new books going home every Monday. Leaflets with instructions and ideas were included in your child’s blue bag with their first book. If you have any more questions about this scheme or how to use it at home then again please don’t hesitate to ask.

Ideas to help at home

* Encourage your child to look for sounds and spelling words in the environment.
* Practise writing phonemes and spelling words using a variety of fun materials.
* Read together for enjoyment and encourage your child to talk about the different features of the book eg. Author, illustrator, blurb. Talk about the characters in the story and make predictions about the ending of the story.

Numeracy and Mathematics

This term we will be continuing to work on our mental maths agility and different strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also begin looking more at 2D and 3D shapes in class and learning more about features of them such as corners, edges etc. We will also look at creating patterns using shapes towards the end of term.

With Mrs Skinner, the class will be further developing their skills in measuring area and volume.

Ideas to help at home

* Look out for and discuss different shapes that you see in the environment.
* Practise sums at home eg if 7+3=10, then 17+3=20 and 70+30=100.
* Ask the children to measure the area of things around the house using different materials.

Health and Wellbeing & Other Curricular Areas

Health & Wellbeing – this term the children will be taking part in weekly mindfulness sessions with Donna Fairley on a Wednesday morning. The class will be split in half for these sessions on a 4 week rotation. We will also be continuing to develop our growth mindsets in class.

RMPS – With Mrs Skinner, the children will be learning about different festivals and celebrations within the Christian faith.

Contexts for learning – P2MS will be learning all about Ancient Egypt this term! This will be with a historical context where we will examine and compare our own lives to that of the Ancient Egyptians and further examine the pyramids and their functions, mummification and the importance of the River Nile.

ICT/ Technology – We will be developing our iPad navigational skills, as we learn to use the different tools within Seesaw. We will learn how to record and respond to our learning as we create our very own learning profile.

Science – With Mrs Skinner, we will focus this term on learning about electricity.

Thank you all for your support thus far in my time at Elrick Primary School. I continue to enjoy working with all of the children and seeing them flourish in Primary 2. Please remember that I am always willing to help if you have any questions or thoughts to share.

Mr MacKenzie