

P1 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will give you some information about the learning and experiences planned for term 2!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Gym day continues to be a Thursday

In Service Days
18th and 19th November

Christmas Party
15th December - more information to follow.



LITERACY IN TERM 2

Literacy - Phonics

This term the children have begun learning the 26 sounds of the alphabet through 'Letter Land'. Each alphabet sound is associated with a character from Letter Land. We are focusing mainly on recognising the letter and on saying the sound that it makes in words (eg. f makes the ffffff sound). We will quickly begin to blend these sounds into short words such as 'cat, hen'. We will focus on writing these letters more formally after Christmas.

Literacy - Reading

Last term the children were introduced to the Robinson family from the Oxford Reading Tree books. They have explored many wordless books focusing on making predictions, retelling the events and exploring character's feelings. These wordless books will now form part of your child's homework this term.

This term, we have begun exploring books with words and are learning to recognise some key vocabulary (Mum, Dad etc). Once we have learned some more alphabet sounds, we will also begin to read decodable books with which we will focus on sounding out the words using our phonic knowledge.

Literacy - Writing

Storytelling - this term we are continuing to develop our storytelling skills by taking part in Foundations of Writing. We will draw a picture each week based on a topic such as 'I am happy' or 'I am splashing in puddles' and will be encouraged to include detail and to think about the wider context.

Sentence Construction - The children will also be constructing sentences orally this term and will explore the fundamentals of a good sentence.

NUMERACY IN TERM 2

Number

We are exploring the concept of addition by looking at combining two sets of items and calculating the total. We will be introduced to the mathematical addition symbol and will learn to use it when reading and writing addition sums.

We will also continue to practise writing the numbers 0-10.

Beyond Number

We are exploring repeating patterns using a range of multi-sensory approaches. We will revise our knowledge of 2D shapes and use these in our patterns too. At Christmas time, we will weigh parcels and sort them based on different criteria.

OTHER CURRICULAR AREAS IN TERM 2

Social Studies - Weather and Seasons

We are exploring weather this term and linking it to our knowledge of autumn. Each day we choose a weather reporter in our class. We will collate our information about the weather each day this term and create a pictogram to discuss the results.

Religious and Moral Education - Nativity Story

Leading up to Christmas, we will explore the Christmas Story and talk about some Christian beliefs.

HOMWORK

Homework will be handed out each Friday. We ask that you return it to school the following Wednesday.

The homework tasks will be sent in a seesaw message on the Friday.

Your child will be given a maths, phonics and reading task. Please ensure that the reading books are returned each week to ensure there are enough books for all of the children.

