

P13 Class Newsletter Term 2

We thank you all for your support and co-operation in Term 1.



Term 2 Timetable

Monday	Library
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Wellbeing Wednesday Assembly Outdoor Learning P.E. Homework due in
Thursday	Outdoor learning – Welly Walk
Friday	P.E. Homework handed out

Dates for the Diary

- **15th November** – Open day
- **4th December** - Westhill Library visit
- **12th December** – Christmas sing-along (more details to follow)
- **20th December** – Christmas party

A wee reminder...

Please make sure your child brings the following items to school:

- A jacket should be brought to school every day throughout the winter months.
- A P.E. kit (on Wednesdays and Fridays), suitable for indoor and outdoor sessions.
- A change of clothes including socks and pants.

Learning in Primary 1 this term

Numeracy

We will be 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 correctly.

We will be exploring the concept of weight. We will be using non-standard units to measure the weight of familiar items to help us compare them. We will be learning how to find the weight of items using balance scales.

Ideas to Help at Home



- Regularly ask your child to count forwards or backwards from different numbers.
- Help your child develop instant recognition of quantities to 10 e.g. show them dice patterns, fingers, playing cards and ask them to try and tell you how many without counting



Literacy



We will continue developing our knowledge of sounds by introducing the children to more characters in Letterland.

Last term the children were introduced to the Robinson Family from the Oxford Reading Tree books. We explored wordless books focusing on making predictions, retelling the story and exploring character's feelings. This term we will begin to explore books with words and will focus on learning to recognise some key vocabulary. As we learn 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. These will be sent home as part of homework when your child is ready.

In writing we will be learning to write some short words independently by using our knowledge of sounds and spelling words. We will explore colourful semantics to help us build our own sentences.



Ideas to Help at Home

- Read together for enjoyment regularly and talk about the characters, setting and plot.
- Practice the sounds of the alphabet together and encourage your child to generate words beginning with that sound.
- Using the sounds they know, encourage your child to have a go at writing short words. If they are reluctant to write, then try making some sound flashcards to build the words instead.

Other Curricular Areas and Health and Wellbeing



Last term we completed a school quest focused on community. This term we have chosen the class quest of 'Through my Eyes'. We will begin with the theme 'Looking Up'. Guided by pupil ideas when asked what they thought about when looking up, we will explore lines of investigation related to the sky, sun, moon, stars, light and dark.

In Health and Wellbeing, we will focus on staying safe both inside and outside of school. With the darker days and nights, we will be discussing ways we can stay safe and visible near roads.

Leading up to Christmas, we will explore the Christmas Story and talk about some Christian beliefs. We will also be practising lots of Christmas songs in the lead up to our Christmas sing-along. We can't wait to welcome you all to join us. More details will follow soon.