



# P3N Class Newsletter



## Welcome to Term 2

### Numeracy

#### Number

This term we are exploring how whole numbers are constructed. This will involve identifying hundreds, tens and ones (and thousands for some). We will particularly be focusing on the importance of zero in these numbers. Zero is a place holder. For example, when writing the number 304, if the zero was left out, we would be writing 34 which changes the numbers massively. We will also be practising counting forwards and backwards to 100 and 1000 for some.

#### Measure

We will be exploring the concept of length and weight during our outdoor learning sessions on Wednesdays. We will be measuring using metres and kilograms.

#### Ideas to Help at Home

- Practise counting forwards and backwards to 100 or 1000. You can start on any number!
- Do some Christmas baking and explore the vocabulary of measure as you do.
- Do some quizzes in the car, on a walk, in the bath – bonds to 10, doubles to 20, halves from 10.

### Literacy

#### Reading

This term we are focusing on using two strategies when we come across words we cannot read; using the first few letters and thinking about the context of the story. Most of us have a word box. We are hoping to improve our recall of common words to help with our fluency.

#### Writing

We are learning how to recount events. We are also working as a class to write a poem a week.

#### Phonics

This term we are focusing on consonant blends such as words that begin with bl, cl, fl, gl, pl, sl. We will work on reading and spelling these words.

#### Ideas to Help at Home

- Keep reading that bedtime story! There is nothing better to foster a love of reading and to help with building new vocabulary.
- Read anything...cereal boxes, packets of crisps etc. P3 can be a magical year where many parts of reading click!

### Other Curricular Areas

#### Social Studies Class Quest:

##### Did kids have it better in the 80's?

We are going back in time to the 1980's! To the time of big hairstyles, shoulder pads and leg warmers, Queen and Rick Astley, the Gothenburg Greats and VHS tapes and Walkmans. We will be comparing life in the 80's with life today and will then be given the opportunity to explore an area in more detail such as technology, AFC, fashion etc.

If you have any technology such as VHS players, VHS tapes, gaming technology, photos of you or family members in the 80's, please send them in! We will take great care of these and will not play with them!

#### Health and Wellbeing

We continue to explore feelings this term. We are now looking at practical ideas of what to do when we feel angry, frustrated, sad etc. We will make calm boxes in school which we will fill as a homework task.

#### Expressive Arts

We will be exploring using shape, line, colour and pattern. To help us to learn about 1980's fashion, we will look at bold and colourful print which uses organic and geometric shapes. We will then try to make our own designs using these elements.

### Term 2 Timetable

Monday	P.E. with me outdoors Reading buddies with P5
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Wellbeing Wednesday Assembly Library Outdoor learning
Thursday	Reading buddies with P5
Friday	Reading buddies with P5 P.E. with Mrs Reid indoors

#### Dates For Your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> November Open Day (11:00-12:00 or 2:00-3:15)

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November: In-service days

31<sup>st</sup> January 2024: P3N Class Assembly, parents invited to watch (9:45)