

Primary 1G Newsletter

Term 3

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break. The children have had a great start to the new year and have settled back in well to the routine of Primary 1.

Literacy

We are continuing to work our way through our phonics programme and are also beginning to learn common or 'tricky' words. We will soon start learning digraphs – sounds with 2 letters (like ai, oa, sh, th). This term, we will be exploring fairytales in our writing. We will be learning about different stories and even making up our own. The children have been making excellent progress in writing full sentences! They are still having lots of fun inventing 'secret codes' during Drawing Club.

Reading books will continue to come home. **Please return them every day in your child's bag** as we read daily in class. Sometimes a group may keep their books for longer than a week if they need some more time to practise.

Numeracy

This term, we will focus on addition stories, begin learning about subtraction, and complete our work on fractions, including halves and quarters. We will also have a focus on counting backwards and finding missing numbers during mental maths. In Beyond Number, we will learn about symmetry, measure, money, and time. We will continue to explore maths through play-based opportunities in the class.

Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days continue to be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their PE clothes (joggers, leggings, white polo shirt, trainers and school jumper). On Tuesdays we do PE outside. No jewellery should be worn, and hair should be tied back on PE days. We will be developing ball skills,

hockey skills, and exploring dance. Childsmile will continue to visit us twice weekly for toothbrushing sessions.

Outdoor Learning

Our class will continue to have Outdoor Learning sessions with Mrs Murdoch, but this will now be on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. They will be learning outside, whatever the weather! If possible, please send your child to school in appropriate clothing for being outdoors, for example, sturdy shoes and a waterproof jacket. We have some spares in school if required. Mrs Murdoch will be teaching aspects of Beyond Number and Talking and Listening skills.

IDL

This term, our IDLs are 'The Five Senses' and 'Our Family Tree'. In 'Our Family Tree', the children will explore their grandparents' lives, create a timeline of their own life, and plant a time capsule in the garden to open in Primary 7. 'The Five Senses' will allow the children to explore how their senses work and experiment through science play. They will then present their findings to the nursery children. Children will engage in play-based activities linked to their IDL, including exploring feely boxes, taking part in a role-play opticians, and building a family tree.

We will continue to have music sessions every fortnight with Miss Lightbody.

Homework

We continue to use Seesaw for homework, which is directly linked to our classroom learning. To support your child at home, please try to complete as much of the homework as possible. We also encourage reading a little from your child's reading book each night.

How can I help my child?

- Read a variety of stories, either from their reading book or other books. Encourage your child to use words from the book in their writing — the sound cards provided at Parents' Night can support this.
- Tell fairy tales at home in English or your own language.
- Say number sequences and ask your child what the next number is, what number is missing. Count forwards and backwards using the number line.

- Please encourage your child to learn through Sumdog at home and try to take part in the monthly family maths challenge!

Final note ...

Last term's Stay, Play and Read was a huge success. The children loved sharing their morning with you, and I hope you enjoyed getting a glimpse into life in P1.

Just a reminder that this term's Stay, Play and Reads are:

Wednesday 14th January, Wednesday 4th February and Wednesday 4th March.

If you have any concerns, please contact me via Seesaw or the school office.

Mrs Gillespie