Primary 1A Newsletter, Term 2



Dear Parent/ Carer
Term 2 already! The boys and girls are doing so well. They are settled in class and know the routines of the room well.
This term is super busy. Not only are we continuing to learn our sounds, focus words and reading but we also have the show of the year - the Primary 1 Nativity!

Literacy

We have started to learn our sounds. The sounds we learn will help us to read and write. To support this learning, homework is posted on seesaw twice a week. Please practise formation of these letters on paper and not on electrical devices. All letters should be written in lower case not upper case.
This term we will be supporting our children to learn their focus words. I will send home weekly word walls with all the words the children should be able to read and write, please practise these as much as possible.
Please check to see if you have any school reading books at home and return them as we are trying as a school to ensure the resources are looked after and able to be used by other children. Currently a few reading book pages will be posted onto Seesaw weekly, so the children can practise reading at home.
We will continue with the drawing club this term. We are alternating between setting, character and an imaginative piece. I can't wait to show you the progress at Parent's Evenings!

Numeracy

This term we will be working on sequencing numbers, estimating and addition. As always, we will start our learning with concrete materials, then move to abstract (pictures), then written.
In Beyond Number, we will be learning length, money and time. Please point out clocks in your home and allow your child to explore coins when out at the shops.

Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days continue to be Thursday and Friday. Children should come to school in their PE clothes (joggers, leggings, white polo shirt, trainers and school jumper).
On Thursday I am focusing on gymnastics. It is vital that your child is in the correct clothing and footwear. **They cannot take part in the whole PE lesson if they are not wearing the correct clothing.**
On Fridays we do PE outside. If your child does not have the correct footwear, they can slip on the AstroTurf, especially as the weather gets wetter.
No jewellery should be worn, and hair should be tied back on PE days.



IDL

Our IDLs this term includes concluding our work on animal habitats, the emergency services and learning about the Nativity story.

Homework

We continue to use SeeSaw for our homework. The homework is linked directly to what we do in class, so to support your child at home please try to complete as much homework as you can.

How can I help my child?

- Practise formation of letters, names and numbers. Please note – your child should write their name in lowercase letters except for the first letter. Try saying a number and see if your child can write the number themselves. If they struggle, write the number in a yellow pen and they can overwrite the number in pencil. This technique can be repeated for any formation.
- Read lots of stories! Stories help your child to grow their love for books and their imagination. These stories do not need to be in English, if you speak another language at home, please read in your home language. Please allow your child to hold the book and point to things like the first letter/ word and turn the pages.
- Say number sequences and ask your child what the next number is, what number is missing. Go up the number line (0, 1, 2, 3…) and down (20, 19, 18…). I find doing this in the car, on the bus or while walking along the street is a great time to practise number sequences.

As always, if you have any concerns, please reach out to me on seesaw or through the school office.

Mrs McHutchison and Mrs Murdoch