

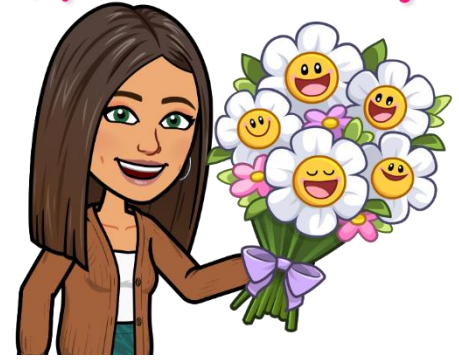
Primary 3/2 Newsletter Term 4

THANK YOU!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of P3/2! We are almost at the end of the school year but primary 3/2 still have lots of exciting learning to come this term starting off with our Earth Day assembly!

We are also looking forward to going on a class trip in May. More details about this will come to you very soon!



Classroom Routine

Our classroom routine is changing this term. On Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings, I will not be in class. During this time, Miss Williamson will take the class. She will be teaching talking and listening skills, science and some aspects of maths.

Gym Days

Our PE days will continue to be on **Mondays (indoor) and Tuesdays (outdoor)**. Please send your child ready for gym on these days. Dark coloured shorts/ leggings/ joggers, trainers, white polo shirt, and school jumper/ cardigan. **No earrings please.** It would be helpful to keep a pair of indoor shoes in school for use in the gym hall. These can be clean trainers or sandshoes.

Literacy

For literacy this term we will continue to follow our Jolly Phonics programme and weekly jolly reader/dandelion reader reading books. There are questions at the back of the book which you can use to discuss the text with your child. Please ensure that reading books are in school bags **every day** as we use them in school. If you have any books at home that haven't found their way back to school yet, **please return** these as other classes access these books too.

Spelling words are issued on Seesaw each Monday. Your child should be practising these words at home using some of the suggested activities. We have a spelling quiz on a Friday so please help your child to learn their words.

Our main writing focuses this term will be persuasive writing and recount.

Numeracy

The children have worked hard on their numeracy skills and will be consolidating their understanding of addition, subtraction and multiplication. They will be learning how to divide by 2 and 4 and how to solve missing number calculations.

In beyond number, they will be learning how to give and follow directions, plot grid references, right angles and measure.

We had 58% of our class using Sumdog at home or in school last month. Please encourage this at home and let me know if you need a login code again.

Outdoor learning

As we move into the warmer months of the year, we will be learning outside as much as possible this session across all curricular areas. Please ensure that children come **appropriately dressed** for the weather. Children should also bring a filled water bottle to school each day as it can be very warm inside our classroom as well as outside in the spring/summer months.

Context of learning



This term our first IDL topic focus will be on developing **spatial awareness** and **navigation** skills. By using **directional language**, **map-making**, and **early programming** (using Scratch), we will learn to give, follow, and record instructions. We will use our problem-solving skills and apply this to real-world contexts—such as finding "treasure" and navigating the school grounds. Why not try this at home by guiding a "Robot" family member to hidden treasure using only clear directional commands and a hand-drawn map?

Our final IDL topic will be led by the pupils and their interests during the final few weeks of term 4!

Health and Wellbeing

In HWB this term, our class will be learning how to stay safe and healthy by exploring lots of life skills. We will practice identifying emergency situations and learning the correct way to make a 999 call. We will also investigate the role of medicine in treating and preventing illness, with a strong focus on safety—including how to store medicines securely and use them responsibly. Finally, as Road safety day is on the 20th of June, we will reinforce road safety awareness, teaching pupils how to stay visible and alert when around traffic. Please encourage this when out and about with your child.



Homework

All homework will continue to be issued on Seesaw, the weekly format (subject to change) is:

Monday	Spelling
Tuesday	Reading books/activity
Wednesday	Maths
Thursday	Other curricular area
Friday	No homework- feel free to practice anything your child may be struggling with!

Other homework will be issued throughout the year from other teachers in the school such as the monthly maths challenge, word aware or outdoor learning activities

Lost property

Children are losing items in school almost every day. Please ensure that your child's name is on all items of clothing/snack boxes/water bottles and encourage children to be responsible and take care of their things. Looking for missing/left items is very time consuming and impacts on valuable learning time in the classroom.

How can I help my child?

- Talk to your child about their new words for the week and try to use the words as much as possible. These will be posted on Seesaw each week.
- Practise reading books and tricky words daily.
- Encourage reading/sounding out words when out and about e.g., bus stops, shop names, menus.
- Complete weekly Sumdog challenges to earn coins!
- Select your child's lunch option each day. This saves us lots of valuable learning time in class.

This term, homework and communication will continue on Seesaw. Please let us know if you have any problems accessing these or if you require a new family invite/home learning code for your child. We will be posting learning logs and other pictures of children's work and activities each week for families to view at home. Thank you for your continued help and support to Blackfriars Primary!

Miss Cox,

Class Teacher