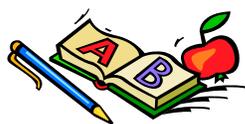


# Welcome to Term 2

Hello! Welcome back to Term 2. Last term the teachers really loved getting to know you (pupils and parents!) and we all worked so hard to learn new sounds and numbers. Let's keep up the good work this term too!

The Primary 1 Teachers  
Mrs Budge P1MB, Mrs Green P1GG and Mrs Smith P1JS



## Literacy

In Literacy, we will continue to **concentrate on phonological awareness tasks**.

We will also begin to focus on **reading skills** by identifying how to handle books and discussing the characters, setting and plot. Blending (sound out/read words) will be crucial. We have started **early writing tasks**. We are creating more detailed pictures to record ideas, focusing on who, when, where and what. Segmenting (sound out/build words) will be key.

## Numeracy

In Numeracy we will continue to focus on **counting on to begin adding and counting back to begin taking away**. We will be using Numicon to support this.

Throughout the term we will look at other areas of maths including **pattern, time, measurement (weighing) and 2D/3D shapes**.

## Important Information

### **Equipment/resources:**

- jacket EVERY day
- a snack for break and a filled and named water bottle
- a full change of clothes
- gym bag containing named shorts, named t-shirt and a pair of gym shoes/trainers
- Reading Bag (parents to check daily and remove letters) and **MUST** include your child's diary, sound mat/cards, reading book/words and name formation card



**Class DoJo** has been hugely successful, giving you a platform to see your child's work, view action shots of them in school and access the homework information. Please remember, we would encourage parents with any concerns about their child to contact the teacher at the end of the day or make an appointment.

## Homework

Homework is provided so that pupils can consolidate their learning in class and your child will not be asked to do any activity that has not been previously taught. If you feel your child is struggling at any point, please leave a note in their homework diary so that we can address the issue early.

**Homework Diary** – Each Friday, a message on Class DoJo will explain homework due the following Thursday. This may include sounds, reading, numeracy or a topic related task. Please sign the diary on completion and understand that teachers will check it on a Thursday night only.

**Sounds/Words** – Pupils will be issued flashcards via their homework diary comprising of Jolly Phonics sounds and three/four words to learn by sight. Please create the flashcards and transfer them to the bag provided for safe keeping. Continue to use the word mat regularly to blend (read) and segment (spell) words. Words/sounds will be issued at a pace to suit your child, and may differ from other children in the class

**Reading Books** – Books will be issued when your child is able to blend, thus ready to read. This will be at a pace to suit your child, so may differ from other children.

## Context for Learning

In Term 2 our context for learning will be **“Let's Celebrate”**. We will begin by consulting each class to ask them their interests and what they would like to learn. We will also find out about many of the celebrations and traditions that take place at this time of the year including Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance, St Andrews, Hannukah, Advent and Christmas. We will learn about how different religions celebrate different occasions too. We would love you to come into school to talk about a festival you celebrate. Please contact your child's class teacher via DoJo if you are able to support this.

For **Outdoor Learning** we will go out in all-weather situations apart from high winds! Please remember a waterproof jacket, a scarf, gloves and wellies.

For our **Christmas Celebrations**, we are organising a Story/Sing-Along at 11am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December (more details to follow). On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11:40am, we will walk around Kingswells, deciding where to perform. We would appreciate any helpers – please message on DoJo.

Our **Christmas Party** will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.