

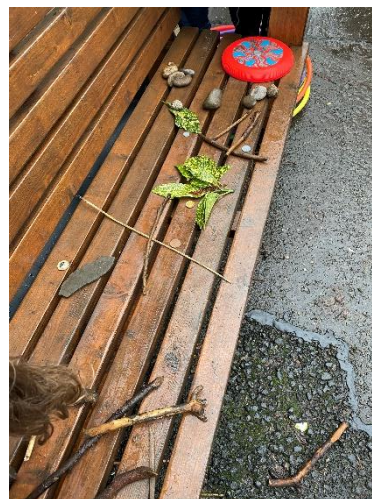
# P1/2 Term 1 Newsletter

We are now at the end of our first term. Primary 1 have all settled in very well and Primary 2 have been excellent helpers for their new classmates. In Primary 1/2 we have been doing lots of new learning this term and so we would love to share some of this with you.

## Numeracy

Primary 1 have been learning about numbers to 20. We have looked at ordering, finding the missing numbers in the sequence, adding and subtracting, as well as learning the number stories. This helps us to understand the pattern and relationship of number. Primary 2 have been working on numbers to 100 and have been learning about place value as well.

Most recently we have been learning to identify coins up to £2. We created an outdoor toy shop and café to practise buying and selling. We had lots of fun and got to use our imaginations to create some interesting toys and food to sell to each other. Primary 2 have been working on adding money and we have been using our skills of counting in 10's to help us with this. We even pretended to be accountants to count our money.



## Literacy

Primary 1 have now learned all of their initial sounds and some of us are beginning to blend our sounds together to read words. We have been working hard to learn all of our key words for our reading books and we can now start to discuss the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We are also developing our writing skills to include more detail in both our drawings and our sentences. We know that sentences begin with capital letters and end in full stops and some of us can even use connectives to expand our sentences. Primary 2 have been developing their knowledge of language, looking at describing words and naming words to up-level their sentences. We have also been learning about the key features for letter writing and even managed to write a letter to Santa!

## Health and Wellbeing

This term we have been focusing on keeping safe, clean and healthy. We discussed the steps to wash our hands properly, especially in these current times. We learned to sort healthy and unhealthy foods, discussing the importance of eating healthy foods. We have also learned about our similarities and differences, identifying what makes us unique.

## Technologies

This term, we have been learning about a variety of technologies. We learned how to log in to a laptop and practised logging in to our Glow Accounts. This was to help us with our homework tasks. We have also used the school iPads to practise our literacy and numeracy skills. In Primary 2 we even recorded ourselves explaining the maths skill we had learned.

## Social Studies and Science

This term in social studies we looked at Old Things and New Things. We learned what school was like for our parents and grand-parents and compared this to what school was like for us. Thank you for helping us with this! We also looked at the differences in toys and we were able to compare toy materials from the past and now.

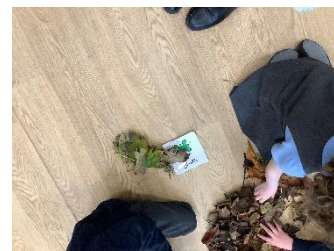
In Science this term, we have been learning all about Forces. We used our Social Studies Topic to explore toys that we could push and pull. We also explored a variety of game and sports that use the push and pull forces for our Outdoor Classroom Science Day. We had lots of fun!



## Expressive Arts

We have enjoyed using our outdoor environment for a number of art activities. To do this we sorted leaves into a variety of colours before using these leaves to create hair for our fantastic self-portraits. We also used sticks, stones and leaves to create fantastic translucent art pictures of our school environment. We have included some pictures of these below.

In music we have been learning to listen and respond to music from a variety of genres and decades. We responded by dancing and telling our friends how we felt listening to the music.



## Physical Education

In PE this term, we have been working on our cycling skills and we have all worked so hard! Most recently, in preparation for our Christmas Party, we learned the dances for the Hokey-Cokey, The Macarena and The Superman Song. We especially loved doing the Macarena dance with the whole school in our playgrounds.

## RME

In the lead up to the end of term, Primary 1/2 have been learning about the story of the Nativity. We used our drama skills to recreate this story and to demonstrate all of our learning. We practised speaking loud and clear so that when you watch at home you are able to hear the wonderful story. We think that you will agree that all of the children were all superstars performing our Nativity Story, 'Shine Star, Shine'.

Have a great holiday everyone and we will see you all in 2021!