



P1b Newsletter Term 2



We have had a very busy time during Term 1 and the children have settled well into the routines of school. Term 2 will take us up to the Christmas holidays and promises to be action packed!

I hope you find the following information about Term 2 useful.

Recognition Board and postcards home

We are continuing to develop our Recognition Board in class. The purpose of the board is to foster positive interdependence in the classroom. It is a collaborative strategy which will target learning attitudes and behaviour. The target chosen will raise the expectation for all the children. The board will emphasise peer responsibility where pupils are rewarded for effort.

We are now introducing Positive Notes home. The positive note is sincere recognition for those pupils who go over and above consistently. We want to communicate good news to you at home.

Hot Chocolate Friday with Mrs Rodden– This will be a reward for those children who behave impeccably. Their name will go into the special box and each week six lucky names will be taken from the box and invited to share a Hot Chocolate with Mrs R.

PE

P1b will have PE on Monday afternoon and Wednesday. Please ensure they have a fully labelled gym kit and do not wear any jewellery on these days. This term we will be covering dance.

Literacy

As before literacy lessons will comprise of reading, phonics, writing and listening and talking.

During Term 2 we will continue to learn and reinforce initial sounds and develop blending skills to spell and sound out CVC words. The children will be encouraged to use their blending skills in reading and writing activities. Towards the end of the term the children will be introduced to double consonant sounds.

When your child has learned all of the common words by sight (with quick recall) more words will be added to their box.

Sounds in term 2
v k l
r u j
w z x
y qu
ll ff ss zz

Our main focus in writing this term will be to write a recount. The children will be learning to write a sentence using a capital letter, fingers spaces and a full stop. Opportunities for writing will happen throughout various areas of the curriculum as well as in writing lessons.

Reading books will be issued weekly and should be read and discussed regularly at home throughout the week. Children should bring them to school every day as we will be reading them and completing related activities in class.

Bug Club is a great online reading resource which is available for you to use. The website can be found at this address www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Your child's login details can be found on the front page of their reading record (booklet that is sent home with their reading book). Your child will be allocated books which are the same level as the books they are reading in class.

Numeracy and Maths

This term in Numeracy and Maths we will be learning about addition and the various strategies we can use to help us add.

We will also be learning about measure.

Some of the outcomes we will be covering are listed below.

Addition

- I can count on to add
- I can mentally double numbers to a total of 10 (eg. 4+4)
- I can solve simple missing number problems within 10 (eg. $5 + \underline{\quad} = 10$)
- I can use + and = to form and solve a number sentence

Measure

- I can order more than 2 lengths from shortest to longest or vice-versa
- I can use non-standard units to measure length.
- I can use the language long, short, shorter, longer, taller
- I can use non-standard units to estimate and measure weight
- I can use the language heavy, heavier, heaviest, light, lighter, lightest
- I can use non-standard units to estimate and measure volume
- I can use the language full, empty, more, less when discussing volume

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term will be Toys. We will be comparing toys from the past, looking at different materials that toys are made from and learning about the forces that toys need in order to move.

Health and Wellbeing

This term in Health and Wellbeing we will be learning:

- how to be safe and be seen in the darker nights
- how to stay safe around fireworks
- personal hygiene
- our feelings

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning will now take place every Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child has boots or wellies and a waterproof jacket with a hood every Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Young

