

# Primary 2 Newsletter – October 2019

I hope you all had a great time over the October break and are ready for a very busy time back at Baljaffray. The children have been working hard throughout term one and have lots to look forward to between now and Christmas. This newsletter will give you an insight to the content we will be covering throughout term two, as well as some extra pieces of important information.



## Literacy

We will be developing a range of skills as part of literacy this term.

As part of **writing**, the children will have opportunities to consolidate recount writing, where the children will write about things that have happened to them. There will be a big push to ensure letters are written correctly and that we are using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces when writing. We will also have a focus on instructions through our Talk for Writing programme. The children will have opportunities to explore the features of instructions and have opportunities to create their own versions of model instructions.

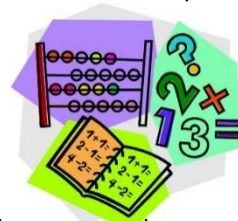
For **reading** we will be focusing on using different strategies to read tricky words. These include using the picture to help, sounding out the word and reading on. We will be learning about these through our Ben Bear resource. We will also be working on sequencing to show the beginning, middle and end of a story and developing comprehension skills.

Our **spelling and phonics** work will continue to focus on trickier diagraphs (e.g. ue, oi, ew and ou) as well as consolidating previous sounds. As part of this, we will be practising to read and write the first 100 common words. A quick search on the internet can help you locate these if you wish to revise them with your child at home.

## Numeracy and maths

This term we will be focusing on:

- Identifying and recognising numbers to 100.
- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Building and describing numbers to 20 (using doubles, addition number facts etc.)
- Using number jumps on a number line as a strategy to add and subtract within 50.
- Developing mental maths strategies for addition and subtraction.
- Money - ordering coins from least in value to the most, using coins to pay for items up to 50p, working out change up to 20p.
- Consolidating our knowledge of 2D shapes and focusing more on 3D shapes.



## IDL

Our topic this term will focus around charity and responsibility. We will be learning about what charities are, the difference between wants and needs, and looking at different local organisations who provide for needs in the local community.

## Other curricular areas

- In science, we will be focusing on living and non-living things.

- For technologies, we will be learning to use laptops and iPads to support our learning.
- Expressive arts will be delivered through opportunities such as our school show, nativity and topic work.
- For R.M.E. we will be focusing on the messages and morals of stories.
- Our Health and Wellbeing focuses are road safety and firework safety. In P.E. we will be focusing on dance in preparation for our school show.
- In French we will be learning to count to 30 and working on colours.

### School show and costumes

The school show is coming up very soon (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November) with one afternoon and one after school performance. Letters about tickets and timings will be sent out soon.

**For our performance, your child will need to wear a bright coloured top and jeans.** If you have any Muppets-themed clothing, feel free to use these, but don't feel the need to buy anything new. **We will be having a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of November, so please send these items of clothing in as soon as possible- preferably in a bag with your child's name on it.**

### Recognition boards

We will be continuing the use of our 'Recognition Board' within our class. The children worked hard in Term One encouraging peers to achieve our class targets.

### Homework

Each week, your child will continue to receive a reading book to read with you at home. New books will be given out every **Wednesday** to support the use of a new reading scheme, where other tasks are

completed before children see their new book. Please ensure your child brings these to school every day as there will be tasks throughout the week involving these books.

Where appropriate, some children will receive written homework to support their learning. Please could you encourage your child to return homework weekly on a **Friday**.

### P.E. kit and days

Our P.E. days will continue to be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Your child should bring a white t-shirt, dark shorts and a change of shoes for their kit. Where possible, please label your child's bag and clothing to ensure items are returned to the children if misplaced. Please also ensure your child does not wear any jewellery on P.E. days.

### Class Resources

Just a note to ask if you could ensure your child is coming to school every day with the following resources; pencil, rubber, ruler, glue stick and whiteboard pen. Of course, we will supply spare stationery where needed, however having these resources will allow your child to get started with their work quickly as everything they need will be at their tables.

### Website Links

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<http://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/games--1/>

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

**Mr Hannah**

