# date



## January 2020

Last term the children really enjoyed choosing their topic and learning a variety of skills and facts about this. The children also worked very hard on the school show and the performances were all fantastic.

This term the children will be learning about Transport through our social studies and technology topic. We will be focusing on the range of transport around the local area and comparing this with transport from the past. We also hope to go on a class trip to enhance our learning about transport before the Easter holidays. We will be in touch nearer the time with final details.

The Primary1 Team

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about their SumDog login — in front of the diary — please use this when you have any time to allow the children to consolidate key skills we've been covering in numeracy. We will also use the app more frequently for homework and class challenges.

This will be the final term of the children starting the day at 8.50am. As of April 20<sup>th</sup> children will wait outside until 9 o'clock and then enter the building through the infant door after the bell. This is to help with transition into primary 2.

Any questions or concerns can be raised to us through the office or at pick up.

#### <u>Literacy</u>

The children will continue to learn a number of new diagraphs throughout this term and will be encouraged to use these more accurately in their spelling. We will continue to improve word building skills and using correct punctuation in writing. We will start work on spelling 'tricky words' this term focusing on six a month and there will be spelling homework sent home to compliment this.

Reading will continue through this term, with a book issued every Monday. We will begin to use word walls this term as an alternative way to learn and memorise sight words. These should be used in conjunction with the word tubs.

## Numeracy

The children will continue to work on the formation of numbers to 20 as well as counting forwards and backwards within 20. We will also begin to add and subtract within 20 and this will be a focus throughout the rest of the year.

We will also be learning about time - focusing on daily routines and telling the time at o'clock — and information handling.

#### PE

In PE this term we will be focusing on gymnastics skills. We are looking forward to using the large gym equipment and developing our strength and balance through these lessons.