

# Primary 1/2

## Term 4 Newsletter



This newsletter is designed to give you a brief overview of the learning that will take place in Primary 1/2 this term.

### Topic



Our class will be completing three mini-topics: I'm an engineer!; People who help us; The Fun Fair. Throughout these topics we will focus on developing our knowledge and skills within Developing the Young Workforce.

### Health & Wellbeing

Throughout our topic work, we will be focusing on the skills required for productive and successful group work, being able to identify our own personal skills and interests and how to share these within a group to achieve goals. We will also work on recognising the skills and talents of others to help complete work successfully.

In PE, we will begin racquet skills and practise these within badminton. We will also get ready for sports day by practising our athletics.

### Science

We will develop our investigation skills in choosing appropriate materials to suit a design brief applying our knowledge of forces. Through some gardening activities we will begin to explore biodiversity.

### Music

In music we will use a range of instruments to create soundtracks to stories. The children will learn to control when they play and when to pause, develop their understanding of rhythm and dynamics and express themselves creatively when composing.

## Literacy



### Primary 1

In Primary 1 the children will be continuing to learn a range of sounds which are made up of more than one letter, including double vowel sounds such as 'ee' and 'oo'. They will begin to make more use of magnetic letter boards on a weekly basis to blend together sounds to make words. P1 pupils will also continue to learn to read and write common words. In reading, we will work on some trickier comprehension skills such as predicting what might happen next and using clues from the text to infer basic details about the story. Talking and listening will be developed through group work, play and whole class discussion. In writing, the children have begun to be involved in planning the writing lessons by making choices on our writing topics to develop greater engagement. This term we will be focusing on explanations, recounts and report writing.

### Primary 2

Our Primary 2 children will continue to consolidate their knowledge of phonemes and common and tricky words. They will continue with phonics, learning how 'magic e' changes the vowel sound in words. They will then learn double constant endings such as 'ss', 'ff', 'll' and silent letters. In writing, children have begun to be involved in planning the writing lessons by making choices on our writing topics to develop greater engagement and to allow them to share their growing understanding of the features of different types of writing and what is needed to be successful. This term we will be focusing on explanation texts, continue with recounts and develop report writing. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of capital letters within handwriting sessions. The class continues to display enthusiasm for reading and will be engaging with the library again with some personal reading time in class to develop the ability to share their reading preferences with peers. Prediction and inference will also be our focus within our guided reading sessions.



## Numeracy



### Primary 1

The children will revise subtraction to 10 and explore numbers to 20. We will continue to work on our mental maths skills through focusing on number bonds and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### Primary 2

The children will develop increasing confidence in subtraction strategies to 20 and beyond and will begin to learn the 2 times table. The children will also develop greater confidence in number bonds and counting in multiples.

Both stages will apply and learn new skills within time, data handling and measure as well as working on some Health and Wellbeing experiences with a food focus through a 'Grub Club' where the children will work in rotating groups to prepare food.



All homework will be given on a Monday and should be completed by Friday.

Reading - Your child will take home a reading book to share with you 3 times a week. It is important they read with an adult at home to develop greater fluency and confidence.

Phonics - Primary 1 children will receive flashcards home with the sound of the week. Please practise the action which accompanies each sound and these cards can be laid out and used to make words e.g. cat, dog etc.

Primary 2 children will also learn a sound of the week and will have spelling words to accompany these in a homework jotter.

Numeracy - Maths activities will be sent home where necessary to consolidate Maths concepts being covered in class. Primary 2 children will be invited to access their Sumdog account at home to complete Maths activities online. P1 children will also be given Education City login details to use for homework activities. These will be assigned.

## Timetable



Monday - Assembly

Tuesday and Thursday - P.E

Thursday -French

Friday - Free Choice Friday  
Homework due in please.

Please make sure your child has shorts/joggers, t-shirt and gym shoes for PE days. This can be kept in a gym bag on their peg. It may be easier for girls not to wear tights unless they can change independently. No jewellery please.

It would be great if your child could have a named water bottle and apron/old shirt for Art lessons. Please remember to name every item of clothing as we have had a few nameless jumpers of late which are hard to return to the correct owners.

We are delighted to welcome back Miss Beattie, a PGDE student, for a few weeks in May.

*Thank you for your support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch about anything relating to your child in school.*

