

All classes are trialling a class behaviour chart to reinforce positive behaviours (as seen in the photo on the front cover.) Pupils are working hard to make it to the top of the chart each day and can achieve a certificate to take home for outstanding behaviour or work throughout the week. Pupils may also be moved down the chart in order to reflect on their choices and can move back up promptly as soon as they demonstrate good behaviour or choices.

Homework

Monthly homework will continue. We have loved seeing the shared learning you have completed at home and appreciate your support with this. Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you need any help or support with any of the homework tasks.

BOATS Sessions

Throughout the year we have sessions when you can come into class and see how P1 and P2 learn. It is an opportunity for the class to showcase what they have been learning.

The next date for this will be Wednesday 20th November from 2.45-3.15pm.

Dates For the Diary

BOATS : Wednesday 20th Nov 2.45-3.15pm
 Nativity : Thursday 12th December (time to tbc.)
 Christmas Party: Thursday 19th December 1.30—3pm

Thank you again for your continued help and support.

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Primary 1/2 Newsletter
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Welcome

Can you believe that is us in to November already? The first few months of this session have flown by and I am so proud of how well all the pupils have settled in to school and to our daily routines.

It was lovely to meet so many of the parents and carers at the recent Parents Consultations, thank you to everyone for coming along. Hopefully this newsletter will give you more of an insight into our learning in class.

General Information

Each day, please ensure your child brings a snack for playtime and a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us to look after your child's clothing and belongings by clearly labelling **all** items. That way we can ensure any found items can be returned to the rightful owner.

P.E.

We will continue to have PE on a Monday and Wednesday this term. Every child should have a PE kit which should be left in school and will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed if you wish to do so.

Topic/IDL

For the next few weeks we will be continuing with our Farming topic. We were lucky enough to have Christine from RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) come in to visit our P1's and P2's. She showed us lots of raw products and how they are used in everyday foods.

We have also been learning about Harvest and Autumn and the changes that this time of year brings.

We will soon be in full Christmas mode as we start our nativity rehearsals and also find out how Christmas is celebrated throughout the world.

Literacy

We are continuing to follow the 'Read, Write, Inc' programme which runs throughout the school. It is a phonic based programme which covers many aspects of literacy. Our main focus is to cover all the simple sounds and our next steps are to start thinking about blending these sounds together. Primary 1's will soon be grouped across both classes and may be working in a different class room for these sessions. Once a week, the pupils have a literacy lesson based on developing writing skills following the 'Big Writing' scheme.

Numeracy and Maths

We will continue to work with numbers to 10/20/100. Pupils will be learning to read, recognise and write these numbers. We will be counting up and down orally and complete tasks which involve ordering and sequencing numbers.

Numeracy sessions take place four times a week. Each session begins with a whole class warm-up and then rotate around 3 stations (Teaching station, written task and play-based learning.)

In Maths we will complete our measure topic, exploring capacity, length and weight. We will then move onto 2D and 3D shapes.

Home-School Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. I will always be available at the beginning and end of the school day in the playground. If you would prefer to make an appointment to discuss any matters, please contact the school office.

Class Expectations and Rewarding Positive Behaviour

Pupils are now aware of the following class rules and expectations which were set together at the start of the term. These are:

1. Always use kind words and hands.
2. Keep ourselves and others safe.
3. Look after school property and our classroom.
4. Always ask an adult before leaving the classroom.
5. Always try our best.