



Primary 2 Newsletter



August-October 2023

Welcome back to school. We hope that you all had a brilliant summer. We're really looking forward to all the exciting things we're going to be doing this year in Primary 2!



Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy we will be developing children's knowledge of place value and learning more about hundreds, tens and units. We will also work on addition with a focus on efficient strategies to enable fast calculations. Children should be encouraged to practise these skills at home as much as possible. In Maths, we will be working on shape, position and movement and these lessons will be taught by Mrs Cook. We will then further explore this and apply knowledge through our Houses and Homes topic. In Problem Solving we will be learning to recognise different strategies and work out which to best apply to solve a variety of problems.

Literacy & English

For our writing this term we will focus on vocabulary, punctuation and sequencing. Our writing, listening and talking will be related to our topic with a focus on description and retelling events in sequence. Reading groups will usually be on a Monday and Thursday. Please hear your child read and discuss the tasks written on the stickers in the reading record. As well as developing reading fluency we will be focusing on developing the children's understanding of the title, author, illustrator, descriptive vocabulary and sequencing of events. Reading books and records should be brought to school every day.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our initial transition topic is the book 'The Cat Who Wanted To Go Home' by Jill Tomlinson. We are exploring maps, French vocabulary and different kinds of transport as we read about a little French cat trying to get back home from England. Our next topic is going to be **Houses and Homes**. As part of our topic we will be investigating how different kinds of houses meet people's needs in this country and in other countries. Many areas of the curriculum will be explored through our topic and children will be given opportunities to apply their learning by investigating problems, working independently and working in teams. Similarly to Primary 1, the children will be encouraged to lead their own investigations about Houses and Homes.

Health & Wellbeing

In P.E. we will be focussing on ball skills and gymnastics. P.E. will be on Mondays (outside on the Muga pitch or in the wooded area) and on Fridays (mostly in the gym hall). Children should come to school wearing PE kit on these days. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours please). Plain black gym shoes are needed for PE in the hall and for daily use in the classroom. Children should bring a water bottle to school every day. Juice is not allowed in classrooms for dental reasons and to protect jotters when it spills. All belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name. As part of Health and Wellbeing we will be looking at friendships, our rights, skills and abilities, our similarities and differences and consequences of our actions.

Additional Information

Reading – New reading will usually be given out on Mondays and Thursdays as long as the previous book has been returned. It is essential to support your child with their reading at home to ensure progress in all areas of literacy at school.

PE- will be on Mondays outdoors and on Fridays inside.

Shoes – If your child has lacing shoes, please ensure that they can tie the laces themselves as the children change their shoes independently 3 times a day. Please provide a pair of plain black indoor gym shoes to keep our carpets clean for the children to play on.

Home Learning- New home learning will be issued every second Thursday via Seesaw and given a fortnight to complete. Return on Wednesday.

Class teachers – P2LC will be taught by Mrs Cook on Wednesdays and by Miss Lamb for the rest of the week.

P2HC will be taught by Mrs Hastings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and by Mrs Cook on Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Cook will mainly be teaching maths, problem-solving, health, French, religious education, music and art.

Mrs Hastings and Miss Lamb will mainly be teaching literacy, numeracy, topic and PE.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office, email or your child's reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively come and have an informal chat at the end of the school day in the playground.

Thank you,

Mrs Hastings, Miss Lamb and Mrs Cook

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