

Primary 2 Newsletter

August-October 2024

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, 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 Hastings. In Problem Solving, we will be learning to recognise different strategies and work out which to best apply to solve a variety of problems. We will continue our daily Number Talks where children will engage in a variety of mental strategies to solve quick numeracy sums.

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 the explanation of how the body works. 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 kept in bags and brought to school every day.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term is 'My Body' with the key focuses being our senses, our major organs and how characteristics can be inherited. The children will also be developing their awareness of some disabilities and the limitations of our bodies. We will include current items in the news related to medicine and health. We will also be learning about our bones, brains and taking part in fun practical activities to showcase our learning.

In Music we will be focusing on our rhythm, pitch and pulse. We will sing, play, improvise and compose songs, as well as listen and appraise other Old-School Hip Hop tunes and raps.

Health & Wellbeing

In P.E. we will be focussing on ball skills and gymnastics. P.E. will be on Tuesdays (in the hall) and on a Wednesday (outside in the MUGA). 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 also for daily use in the classroom. Children should bring a water bottle to school every day. Juice is discouraged in classrooms for dental reasons and to protect jotters when it spills. All belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name. We will also be in the Forest for Outdoor Learning on a Thursday. 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. We will be visiting our in-school library once a week also and doing daily reading for enjoyment in class.

PE- will be on Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Shoes – If your child has lacing shoes, please ensure that they can tie the laces themselves as the children change their shoes independently 4 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 in a home learning jotter and then they are given a fortnight to complete it. Return on- the Wednesday.

Class teachers – P2sh will be taught by Mrs Hastings on Monday mornings and all day Wednesday. Mrs Settle will be teaching them for the rest of the week.

P2mb will be taught by Mrs Hastings on Monday afternoons and all day Tuesday. Miss Millar will be teaching them for the rest of the week.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office, school 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 Settle, Miss Millar and Mrs Hastings

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