



Primary 2 Newsletter - Term 1



2020-2021

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We have a busy year ahead of us and this newsletter will give you an insight into what your child will be learning during this coming term.

General

Mrs Reid will be in class with your child on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs McGonagle will be Thursday and Friday and the Wednesday will alternate between us both.

To limit the potential spread of Coronavirus in school, children have been supplied with the stationery they require to use each day in class. Children should only bring their lunch (if necessary) and a water bottle. Please remind children that they should **not** bring any toys from home, this unfortunately includes, fluffy toys that can act as pencil cases.

Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in their gym kit. Children should wear a white T-shirt, dark shorts and appropriate gym shoes on these days. Pupils with long hair should have their hair tied back and all jewellery must be removed on these days. To comply with current guidance, all P.E. sessions will take place outside. As we are coming into the colder days and months, please ensure children come to school with clothing that will keep them warm in the wind and light rain.

Maths

This term we will be exploring numbers to 100 whilst consolidating two of the core number process that we introduced in Primary 1 (addition and subtraction). Children will be challenged to apply their numeracy skills in their play as well as being supported to complete written and active teacher led tasks. Throughout the term we will also be looking at shape (2D and 3D) as well as symmetry. Pupils often have strengths in different aspects of maths and we therefore do flexible grouping in Primary 2. The children will be assessed at the start of each new maths topic and working groups then created accordingly.



Literacy

Writing sessions are every Wednesday. We will continue to focus on and develop the use of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation to add detail and expand the length of writing pieces. This term we will be concentrating on imaginative writing, although we will re-visit other genres as required. In Primary 2 we will begin to support your child to read over their work and complete self assessment. Teacher assessment is always completed with the children orally to ensure feedback is effective and understood.

Written feedback by the class teacher may be presented in the form of 2 stars and a wish using symbols or a small amount of written text.

Children will be issued a new reading book every Monday, please keep reading books at home throughout the week and return on Friday so they can be quarantined appropriately before being shared with other children. Children will be given new spelling words weekly. To increase accuracy and develop independent writing please strive to revise spelling words on a regular basis. All children will be supported to learn new diagraphs and spelling rules this term.



Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

For our Interdisciplinary Learning, Primary 2 will follow a pupil enquiry model. Pupil enquiry based learning allows for increased personalisation and choice for the children as the learning is led by them. Throughout this term the children will be learning and developing social, communication, thinking and self-management skills.

The play to learn environment will be a supporting factor of this. Keep an eye on Class Dojo to see what topic the class choose to explore after the September weekend!



Play2Learn

In Primary 2 we will continue with our play based approach. Children will be supported to develop all areas of the curriculum in the Primary 2 play based environment. Through the power of play children will be supported to access all areas of the curriculum and develop their language skills, emotions, creativity and social skills. Play helps to nurture imagination and give a child a sense of adventure. Through this, they can learn essential skills such as problem solving, working with others, sharing and much more. In Primary 2 children will be challenged to talk about their play and identify the skills and reasoning behind the play opportunities that are provided. Similar to Primary 1, children will use their time management skills to ensure their targets are completed in their own time. Children will be presented with an increased number of independent targets this year including, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), comprehension, spelling and mental maths.

Homework

Each week Primary 2 will be provided with a range of written/interactive activities for homework. All homework tasks will be uploaded to Class Dojo and if possible, it would be great to share completed tasks with us by uploading a photograph to your child's portfolio.

All homework will be consolidation of concepts previously taught in class. If you feel your child is finding homework challenging please let the class teacher know. Maths homework will often be tasks and challenges to complete on Sumdog. If your child has difficulty accessing Sumdog at home, please let the school know as we can arrange for additional ICT time within the school day.



If you do have any questions or queries at any point, please do not hesitate to get in touch via office@bearsden.e-dunbarton.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Reid and Mrs McGonagle

