

Primary 1 Newsletter

Term 2

Welcome!

I cannot believe that the first term has already passed and we are now into Term 2. All of the boys and girls in Primary 1 worked so hard last term and have really settled into life at Methlick School.



Our main focus for this term will be the introduction of addition. The first part of the term we will be adding up to 10, starting with adding concrete objects together before moving onto the written notation ($3+2 = 5$).

$$\begin{array}{l} 1+1=2 \\ 2+2=4 \\ 4+4=8 \end{array}$$

We will use Number bond booklets to 5 and these will come home with the children. It is very important for the children to learn these facts as it will help them with Numeracy throughout their school life.

We will be doing a lot of mental maths work around the number bonds and speed and accuracy are key.

Ms Rossvoll will be focussing on describing common objects using appropriate



measurement language. The children will be learning how to compare and describe lengths, heights, weights, and capacity using everyday language. Lastly the children will estimate and then measure, the length, height, weight, and capacity of

familiar objects using a range of appropriate non-standard units.



Literacy

This term we will be continuing to broaden our phonic knowledge. We will also be working on our phonological awareness, which basically means readiness to read.

We will be focussing on rhyme recognition and production and the children will have the opportunity to produce their own rhyming words. We will also be working on word boundaries and syllable detection in words.

As the children now know more sounds we will be starting to blend the sounds together to make words. This is a tricky concept for some so a lot of patience and practise is required. Do not worry if your child does not pick it up straight away.

Reading books will start to be given out this term. The books will be handed out when the children are ready to start reading, some children may wait until Term 3 until books come home. Please do not panic if some children take books home earlier than others - we want to encourage Reading, not put children off by giving them books before they are ready to start. The Curriculum Evening regarding reading will be very beneficial for you to come along to.

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Context



Our context for this term is Festivals and Celebrations. The children will be taking part in a wide range of activities linked to the Hindu festival of Diwali, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Day, Hanukah and lastly the Nativity. We will be having a focus each week starting with Diwali.



Health and Wellbeing



During this term we will be focussing on road safety, bonfire safety and staying safe in the dark.

We will continue to look at the different Golden Rules as well.

The Star of the Day has been a resounding success, and this will continue. Instead of the children coming home with a headband to decorate the children will have a special cushion to sit on during class time.



Book Bug Bags



Every child in Scotland is entitled to a Book Bug Bag (They will have received these in their pre-school setting) from the Scottish Book Trust. There are 3 fantastic books and lots of other activities in the bag for the children. This year I have decided that the children will take one book home a week and we will spend time during that week in school discussing and completing follow up activities. The

book will be given out on a Tuesdays. Please take time to read the story at home and ask the children what activities they were doing linked to the book. The first book will come home on Tuesday 21st November.

Other Curricular Areas

On Mondays we have Miss Minto teaching Music.

On Tuesday mornings, Mrs Flockton will be teaching the children for PE.

Ms Rossvoll will be in on a Wednesday and she will be focussing on measurement and art.

Nativity

More information will follow regarding the Nativity. When songs do come home, please take the time to practise these. The children will probably end up singing them in their sleep!

Getting ready for going outside

As it is coming into the Winter months it is very important that the children come dressed appropriately to school. At home, please practise doing up zips and buttons as this will help the children to become more independent when they are getting ready for playtime and lunchtime. Please ensure that names are on all items.



Many thanks for your continued support,
Laura MacGillivray

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