

Primary 2

Newsletter

November 2017

Welcome Back

The children are all well rested after their October Break and are excited about the busy term ahead.

Reading

The children have made great progress with their



key words and this has enabled them to become more independent during reading sessions. Keep up the good work at home as it making all the difference.

Please continue to ensure their word packets and reading books come to school every day.

We will continue with our weekly Book Study and this term we will focus on expression, looking for alternatives to 'said' and using puppets to try out the different voices. The children will then be encouraged to transfer this skill to their group reading sessions.

Writing

The children have enjoyed the opportunity to write stories during our formal writing sessions. They have made good progress using word walls and their common words. This term we will focus on their reading characters and write our own Magic Key

Adventures. The children will be encouraged to increase their accuracy when spelling familiar words.



Talking & Listening

The children have become more confident during group sessions and they are beginning to show more awareness of group edict, ensuring everyone is heard.

We introduced Show and Tell before the holidays and it will continue this term. We will be looking for the children to bring in something interesting that they can talk about for a few minutes. Items from a special day out or a holiday tend to work better than a toy as they provoke more discussion.

Numeracy



The children loved the opportunity to explore Measurement and Shape last term and were able to explore both topics in lots of real life experiences.

We will continue with numbers to 100 this term both ordering and recognition. Looking for opportunities at home and out and about would help consolidate

this for your child. For example house numbers, price tags etc. We will also begin to explore addition strategies to build our mental agility and problem solving.

Time will be explored through our topic this term and they will be given the opportunity to explore symmetry using art work and 90 degree angles during consolidation of their shape work.

Topic Work

The children had a great time learning about our Emergency



Services, particularly their trip to Life Boat and Fire Station. They furthered their knowledge of the services and developed their discussion and comparison skills by studying the services in the past and in other countries.

This term we will have a Book Study of the Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. This will allow the children the opportunity to extend their knowledge of night and dark. They will explore nocturnal animals and their habitats and they will be encouraged to identify the fears of the main character Plop and relate them to their own life.

The story will also encourage the children to develop their awareness and use of 'wow' words and give lots of opportunities for exciting art work.

Gym

We will be covering basic gymnastics skills and dance in the run up to Christmas and the children will all have the chance to demonstrate and refine their skills in these areas.



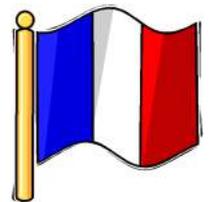
Outdoor Learning

This will change to a Thursday afternoon this term. We will continue to use the Outdoors as a learning environment with a focus on science. We will be learning about Animals and habitats. As the weather is declining, please can you remember to include a change of clothes, suitable jacket and wellies or boots to allow for valuable opportunities to take place. We will be outside regardless of the weather.



Specialists

Monday -Music with Mrs Minto
Tuesday - Gym with Mrs Flockton
Thursday - French with Mrs Davidson



If you have any questions about your child's learning please make an appointment at the office and we will happily meet with you to discuss.

Mrs Flockton and Mrs Dlugonski

