



Primary 2  
Term 4 Newsletter



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Hello everyone - I hope you all had a fantastic Easter Break! We are looking forward to a very busy Term 4 that will include our class trip, Sports Day and Parents' Evening. I will do my best to keep you all updated with dates and important information via Seesaw.



**Handle with Care**

If your child is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that details are not always to be shared and that is OK. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend please message with "Handle with Care" on Seesaw. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience and help during the day.

**Literacy**

In Writing, we will continue to focus on improving our ability to construct and write simple sentences, independently. We will also continue to focus on using descriptive writing to make our writing more interesting. To make our sentences longer, we will be learning to use joining words. Finally, we will have a big focus on handwriting and forming our letters correctly.

New Spelling rules will be taught every **Monday** with words being posted to Seesaw on the same day. If you would prefer a paper copy of your child's spelling words, then please let me know. **I will provide more information on how your child can practise their spelling from home, next week, on Seesaw.**

Reading will be heard regularly throughout the week with a continued focus on improving our ability to blend sounds/letters together. We will also be working on improving our Comprehension skills this Term. This will include tasks such as putting the events of a story in order, making predictions and discussing the main characters and setting.



New reading books will be sent home with your child every **Wednesday**. **Please make sure that your child brings their reading book to school every day.** The children are also encouraged to read at home. Below are some helpful tips on how you can support your child's reading from home.

**Day 1:** Read the story to your child and discuss what happens and why. Talk about the pictures, the characters, their feelings and where the story takes places. You may also wish to talk about the title, author and illustrator.

**Day 2:** Share the book together. You and your child could read it at the same time or take turnabout and read a page each. Talk about the words, letters and punctuation including full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks.

**Day 3:** Let your child read the pages to you. Remember to give lots of praise! 😊

**Final day:** Let your child read to you again. This time, encourage them to talk about their favourite pages, words and pictures and explore why they like them the most.



## **Numeracy**

In Number, some children will continue to learn how to identify and recognise numbers to 100. We will also continue to improve our skip counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 100s. A large group of children will be introduced to Multiplication and Division this term, focusing on understanding that when we are multiplying, we are making groups of a given amount - e.g.  $3 \times 2$  means 3 groups of 2. Finally, we will learn how to take a large group of items and share it into equal groups - e.g. "I have 15 cubes. How many groups of 5 can I make?"

We will be developing our understanding of Measurement with a focus on estimating and measuring length, mass and volume. This will include measuring in metres/centimetres, kilograms and litres.



We were unable to cover Money in Term 3, and this will now be taught in Term 4. This will include identifying all coins and notes to the value of £20. We will work on improving our addition and subtraction skills by paying for items up to £20 and for some pupils, beyond. In 2D and 3D shape we will be learning how to identify, name and describe them using the correct vocabulary.



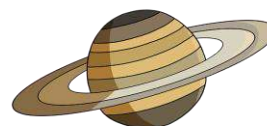
### Other Curricular Areas



Mrs Flockton will take the class for P.E. every Tuesday and I will deliver the second session on a Friday. Mrs Milne will continue to deliver Drama lessons every Thursday.

### Class Topic

After our class trip to the aquarium, we will be moving onto our new class topic - Space! We will be experiencing the wonder of looking at the vastness of the sky, and recognising the sun, moon and stars and linking them to daily patterns of life. We will learn to describe how the rotation of the earth in relation to the sun gives us day and night and talk about how the pattern of night and day changes over the course of a year. Finally, we will compare the planets in our solar system to one another and look at the lives of astronauts in space. If any parents/carers have some expertise in this area, then please do not hesitate to get in touch!



### Health and Wellbeing

In Health and Wellbeing, we will be focusing on our Rights and Responsibilities. This will include how to look after ourselves, others and our environment. We will also have a short topic focusing on Being our Best! This will look at what our bodies need so that we can try our best. We will also learn about the importance of resilience and believing in ourselves.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact the office and arrange a telephone meeting.

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Kind regards,

**Mr. Reid**  
P2 Class Teacher