



P2/3 Class Newsletter



Welcome Back!

I want to first thank all parents and carers for the effort and help they've given so far this year. We have had such a great first term, and I am looking forward to an even better one. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please phone the office or email the school, and I will get back to you. Many thanks - Mrs Phillips

Literacy

Reading: We are finishing up our class novel, *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* this term and we will be choosing our next novel this term as a class. We will still be doing weekly reflective reading lessons focusing on comprehension skills as well as reading groups with levelled readers. As these books are now able to be sent home, they will go home on a Monday and collected back in on a Friday. These books should be kept in your child's bag and brought to school every day for reading groups.

Phonics/Spelling: We will continue to learn a new sound each week. It would be beneficial to reinforce the new (and previous) sounds at home too where possible. We will continue with word building and active spelling activities in class.

Writing: This term we will be exploring different forms of writing: personal correspondence, surveys/interviews, messages, and announcements. We will be encouraging the children to develop their confidence when sounding out and writing unfamiliar words. We will continue reviewing correct letter formation, the use of capital letters, and full stops.

Topic – Our Religious World

This term the topic is all about Religions around the world, specifically we will look at Christianity, Judaism, and Buddhism. We will explore this topic through listening to stories, retelling/acting out stories, creative art, and various outdoor activities.

Numeracy/Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on patterns and data handling this term. Where possible, we will carry out this learning through outdoor activities. For Numeracy, the school will continue 'Number Talks' which involves the child explaining the strategies they used arrived at their answer as well as finding multiple ways to build a number.

HWB

This term we will continue learning about our emotions through the Emotion Works Programme. Our SHANARRI topics for this term are 'Achieving' in November and 'Nurtured' in December. We will have PE with Miss Wattie on Friday Mornings.

Reminders

Outdoor Clothing – Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the weather as we will go out daily for outdoor learning.

Water Bottles – Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle as we are encouraged not to drink directly from the fountains during this time.

Nut Products – There are pupils in our unit who have a severe allergy to nuts. Due to this, we ask that you please do not send your child to school with nut products.

Don't forget to check the school blog and Marvellous Me to find out what we have been doing in class.

*Please contact the office if you are not able to access Marvellous Me.

Google Classroom Stream

In attempts to keep the stream on Google Classroom free of clutter and easy to navigate, please do not post pictures or comments on the stream. All assignments should be handed in through the classwork section.

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to the Google Classroom on a Monday and should be returned by Thursday. I appreciate that life is busy, so I have tried to make it as straight forward as possible, but please let me know if you encounter any issues.

Supporting Learning at Home

Here are a few ideas of quick learning activities that could be built into your day/week:

- find patterns in the world around you
- sound out words on signs, brochures, take away menus, etc.
- count money
- skip count by 2s, 5s, and 10s while walking, skipping, jumping, picking up toys
- practise retelling the events of the day
- make up stories
- write shopping lists or to do lists