



Primary 2a Newsletter

Term One

We hope you all had a marvelous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

As part of the *Jolly Grammar* programme, the class will be developing their spelling skills each week. They will be issued with spelling words every Monday which are worked on throughout the week and tested on Friday.

Children will be issued with an *Oxford Reading Tree* or *Big Cats* phonic book to be read at home every night. This will be changed regularly. We also have a novel study this term: *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell.

Writing will be influenced by our *Weather* topic, producing functional pieces such as keeping a weather diary, reporting on the weather and letter writing. We will also be using what we learn about weather to develop setting and atmosphere in our imaginative writing.

The children will be observing the local weather forecast and news articles relating to weather around the world. This will provide opportunities to develop their talking and listening skills.

Numeracy and mathematics

This term P2 will be counting in sequences, adding and subtracting using groups of objects, and investigating the use of number lines to count on and back to solve problems.

We will also be looking at 2D and 3D shapes, describing, naming and creating them, as well as studying symmetry.

Expressive arts

Art and design will be focused on printing, using the seasons and our *Weather* topic as a stimulus.

Children will also take on the role of weather presenters, and will be studying hip-hop music this term.

Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be to develop the children's skills in throwing, catching and ball skills, as well as building a capacity for cooperation and competition.

Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE days this term are Monday and Tuesday.

We will also be focusing on children's emotional wellbeing through our *Global Citizenship* week and weekly *Circle Time* lessons.

Religious and moral education

Pupils will be learning about Hinduism, specifically the festival of Raksha Bandhan. We will also be learning the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den during anti-bullying week.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Science

Our *Planet Earth – Weather* topic will provide many opportunities for children to carry out scientific investigations such as collecting rain water, studying static electricity and lightning, the water cycle and the effects of the sun on various environments.

Social subjects

We will be using our *Planet Earth – Weather* topic to investigate the climate and weather in Scotland.

We will use what we have learned to make comparisons with different climates from around the world.

Technologies

This term we will be focussing on using *Microsoft Word* and improving our typing skills.



Dates for your diary:

w/b 5th September: Global Citizenship Week
Fri 22nd Sept / Mon 25th Sept: Holiday Weekend
w/b 2nd October: Health Week

Fri 13th Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)
Mon 16th – Fri 20th Oct: Holiday Week
Mon 24th Oct: Start of Term 2