



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Primary 2A Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2: August-December



After a long summer, it is great to be back and, for me personally, it's great to be back down at the infant end of the building! The class have come back and are already working hard. This newsletter aims to give you a brief overview of what we will be covering in each of the curricular areas. As the year progresses, keep an eye on the website as we'll be posting updates on their too.

Literacy and Language: Writing - Practising forming letters correctly - Using sounds knowledge to attempt to spell known and unknown words - Using full stops and capital letters - Creating complex sentences - Weather Reports - Leaflets - Creating Stories (with a beginning, middle and end) Reading - Continuing to learn new sounds - Reading with confidence and fluency - Making predictions - Comparing fiction and non-fiction texts - Looking at features of different texts (e.g. reports, adverts, recipes etc) Listening and Talking - Listening to and responding appropriately to others - Being aware of what makes a good 'talk partner' - Presenting weather reports - Weekly Talking Challenges	Numeracy and Maths: Place Value - Forwards and backwards number sequences - Recognising and identifying numbers to 100 - Ordering numbers to 100 - Describing numbers in tens and ones (e.g $27 = 2 \text{ tens and } 7 \text{ ones}$) - Before and after given numbers - Counting in 2s, 4s, 5s and 10s Addition and Subtraction - Counting forwards and backwards in 10s and 1s - Number bonds (within 10, within 20, within 100) - Add and Subtract 10s and 1s - Number Sentences (e.g. know that $10-7=3$ is the same as $3+7=10$) Shape - Recap 2D shape names and 3D object names - Describe features of 2D shapes - Describe features of 3D objects Other - Discussing different ways to solve a problem - Using different strategies to solve problems
Health and Wellbeing: - School Values (Responsibility and Respect) - Building Resilience (Make a Difference & Talk Things Over) - Zones of Regulation - Class Charter with a focus on Children's Rights - PE (Fitness*, Football, Tennis, Hockey) <i>*We will continue to use a programme called 'MultiSkillz' which uses small games to develop body orientation, balance, agility, movement, mobility and stability, hand-eye and body co-ordination.</i>	Expressive Arts: Art: - Colour mixing - Self-portraits - Using a variety of tools and resources to create different atmospheres and weather situations Drama: - P2 Nativity Music: - Using percussion instruments and following repeated rhythms and patterns. - Using body percussion to create sound effects
Technologies: Digital Skills - Using new learning apps (e.g. SumDog) - Learning to type and change the font and size - Using technology to record and share weather reports Coding: - Using ScratchJnr to make animations	Sciences: The Body - Describe position and function of the skeleton and major organs in the body - Explore the senses and their limitations - Keeping ourselves safe and healthy (e.g. germs and stopping the spread, eating well, exercising)

RME: Religious Stories - To describe and retell some Bible stories. - To discuss how Bible stories affect Christians' beliefs and actions - To know and retell the Jewish Hanukkah story Christmas - Recap the Nativity story and key characters - Discuss how different families celebrate	Outdoor Learning: - Explore our senses in the outdoors - Planting and weeding on the school allotment - Taking part in teamwork and communication games and challenges
Social Studies: The Weather - Describe patterns of the sun and the moon linking it to night and day - Make links to the length of a day, month and year - Use instruments to measure and record the weather - Explain how the weather affects our daily lives	French: - Numbers to 20 - Days of the week - Parts of the body - Respond to simple questions (e.g. Quel temps fait-il?) - Simple role plays

Other Key Information:

PE: PE will take place on a Monday and a Tuesday where the Tuesday session is likely to be outside. We expect children to bring in a PE kit on these days including a change of footwear.

Outdoor Learning: Mr Harper will take the children for Outdoor Learning on Thursday afternoons.

Homework: Homework will return from 7th September. This will consist of a weekly numeracy task using SumDog where the questions will focus on what we are covering in class. Pupils will be sent home their Read Write Inc reading book from the week before. We will let you know when we have sent the first one home and will share more information and suggestions at that time.

Learning Journals:



We use a reporting tool called Learning Journals. Between now and Christmas we'll be posting a Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing observation. We'd really appreciate it if you could use the '**Like**' or '**Comment**' buttons when you receive these. There is also an app called 'Learning Journal ParentZone' you may wish to download – as this avoids having to sign in every time!

Uniform: The Primary 2s have returned looking very smart in their uniforms and we are keen for this to continue. If you are struggling with uniform, please contact us at the school and we will be able to help.

And I think that's all the information you'll need just now but if you have any questions, I'm only an email away.

Primary 2... here we go!

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