



Primary 2 Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back from the summer holidays and in to Primary 2! If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us,

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Numeracy



This term in P2 we are focussing on numbers to 20 and looking at partitioning numbers. This means breaking numbers into tens and ones. (eg. 18 is one set of ten and 8 ones.) This will, in turn, aid children with addition when using larger numbers.

Primary 2's will also be focussing on addition and subtraction to 20 using various strategies such as a number line, bridging 10, counting on or back and doubles/near doubles. Number fact families will be introduced to aid in pupils fluency between addition and subtraction. ($1 + 2 = 3$ so $2 + 1 = 3$ and $3 - 2 = 1$ and $3 - 1 = 2$)

We are also looking at shape. Within shape we will be looking at the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Pupils will be introduced to the terms faces, vertices and edges.

Websites

Sum Dog - www.sumdog.com

*You will get your child's login details sent home

Math Playground – www.mathplayground.com

Top Marks – www.topmarks.co.uk

Literacy



This term in P2 we will be recapping some of the graphemes which we covered in P1 and learning an additional new per week. A phoneme is two letters which make one sound. (eg. s and h make sh.) We have various lessons throughout the week where pupils are given opportunities to hear the sound, form the sound and then use these together to break and make and write words containing the sound.

Taught writing is once a week. The focus this term is on narratives (story writing). Capital letters, finger spaces and full stops will be reinforced as well as "breaking" tricky words to encourage independent writing. We will be focussing on expanding their ideas within their stories.

Children will also have reading twice a week. Reading is taught in the class and the book goes home for you to support this. Your child will know the book because it has been taught in class. In order to support your child see if they can apply the skills learned to a book of their choice.

To support your child you can use some of the suggestions below.

- Can they verbalise the main idea of the story?
- Can your child answer questions related to the text (characters, what happened or why.)
- Whilst reading with fluency, be aware of grammar and punctuation (start of sentences and full stops.)

How to support your child at home in Numeracy.

- Give your child a number (within 10) and get them to look out the correct number of items (piece of pasta, buttons, play dough balls.)
- Practise counting forwards and backwards, not always starting at zero.
- Practise writing numbers together, looking at the number formation.
- Give your child some simple addition and subtraction sums to work on, use resources to aid this task.

How to support your child at home in Literacy.

- Get your child to practise their letter formation (in sand, with shaving foam, painting, etc)
- Talk about the letter sounds rather than the letter names. (Jolly Phonics online can aid you)
- Give your child a three letter word (cat, mat, hat) and work on identifying the initial sound, the middle sound and the end sound.
- Allow your child the opportunity to write freely (Christmas cards, letters and stories)

Context for Learning

This year at Ferryhill School we have decided to have a whole school approach to learning across the curriculum.

We started our first world when school started and during the first three weeks we have been taking the time getting to know the children and giving the children time to get to know one another and the staff working within the school. Our second world will be Our Caring World. In P2 our focus will be caring for the environment and looking at a focus of recycling and how to protect our environment. If you have any expertise in this area or know of someone who might wish to chat to the children about the importance of it, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Healthy and Wellbeing



PE will be on the following days for each class:

P1/2B: Tuesday and Fridays

P2C: Monday and Fridays

P2M: Monday and Fridays

Pupils are to have PE kits which should be left at school. These include a change of T-shirt, shorts/leggings and indoor shoes and socks.

As well as PE lessons, this term we will also be focussing on a number of wellbeing topics such as friendship, staying safe and being healthy.



Extras



Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack as and when possible. A water bottle containing only water should be brought to school on a daily basis, please fill this up at home. Children can refill it during the day if required.

P2 children are entitled to free school meals and the children get to order on a daily basis every morning. The menu can be found at the link below,

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-03/Primary%20School%20Meals%20Menu%20Summer%202019.pdf>

If your child has dietary requirements please ensure the office has a note of this.

All medical records are stored in the office, however, if there are any changes to these please contact the school office.

Please can you ensure all items of clothing (including P.E kits and shoes/trainers) are labelled with your child's name and class.