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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please ensure your child's name is still on **all** belongings.
- Our school is a "no nuts" school. This is due to some children having severe allergies. Please do not send children with nuts or any foodstuffs containing nuts.
- Plastic homework bags which should be brought into school **every day**. Please take care to check this bag each day for letters, sound sheets, etc.
- Thursday will continue to be our outdoor learning day, please ensure your child is suitably dressed for all weathers (within reason).
- **Important dates:**
In-Service days – Friday 7th February and Wednesday 12th February
Half-term holiday: Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th Feb
'Come Count with Me' - Tuesday 18th February (am)
World Book Day -Thursday 5th March
Parents Night - Wednesday 18th March
Last day of this term Fri 3rd April – Finish at 2.30pm

We welcome your comments.



Signed _____ Child's name _____

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Curriculum News

Term: 2 Dates: January - April
Class: Primary 2/1



Literacy and English

Phonics – The children will continue to be introduced to spelling patterns which they will be encouraged to practise both at home and in school.

Correct letter formation will also continue to be a focus in order to really establish this practice.



Reading & Writing- The children will continue to be introduced to words from the second 100 common words. They will also be continuing to work on the correct spelling of the first 100 common words. We will do this through a range of activities and it will be linked in homework.

There will be a continued focus on tools for reading and reading with expression. Children's responses to their reading will be explored through discussion of their opinions, predictions, summaries etc, and this should allow them to deepen their understanding of a variety of texts.

As always, please continue to encourage your child to develop and extend their reading skills through enjoying a range of texts at home. We enjoy hearing the children's recommendations of books they are reading at home and for the First Minister's Reading Challenge.

Poetry: We hope the children will enjoy participating in the school celebration of Scottish poetry. All children will be asked to choose and learn a poem. Your help at home with this is much appreciated.

Mathematics

The children will continue to extend their number recognition, sequencing, addition and subtraction skills. They will also be working on aspects of data handling and time. This will involve them looking at calendars and clocks. Real life opportunities to discuss and support this learning at home will be very beneficial.

Health & Wellbeing includes Physical Education

PE

Primary 2/1 will have gym on Mondays with myself, and with Miss MacDonald on Tuesdays.

Please ensure your child has brought back their gym kit and indoor shoes, all **labelled with their name**.

PE kits will be kept in school and sent home before Easter for a wash.

For safety reasons no jewellery can be worn during PE activities.

The children will be working on aspects of gymnastics such as balance, jumping etc and will also further develop their ball skills.

Health & Well-Being

Children will continue to be encouraged to share their thoughts, feelings and discuss any issues through both class discussion and the PATHs programme. We will be considering our school value of 'respect' and doing work linked to this.

The children will also learn more about aspects of food, hygiene and healthy lifestyles.

Expressive Arts

Drama and Art & Design

The children will participate in Drama and Art & Design activities through their topic work.

They will continue to develop and extend their drawing, painting & fine motor skills while also exploring the work of different Scottish artists, building on their experiences from last year. There will also be more opportunities to experiment with collage and model making. Miss MacDonald will be doing some Scottish themed art with the class on a Friday.

Music

The children will be involved in activities to develop their listening, performing and musical skills. This will involve listening to Scottish music, topical/seasonal songs and more. They have also shown an interest in the music from The Nutcracker and we hope to develop this further through a look at other classical music.



Religious & Moral Education

The children will be learning about Chinese New Year and Easter customs. Miss MacDonald will also be looking at celebrations around Easter, Lent and Ramadan.

French

The children will continue to participate in activities and games to consolidate their knowledge of the French language. This will include revision & consolidation of previous concepts and topical vocabulary. Subjects will include colours, days of the week and body parts.

Topic

This term the children will be developing their knowledge of 'Scotland' and their local area. Topics will continue to be topical and/or led by the children as this allows us to develop their skills while following their areas of interest. This is working well in allowing us to be responsive to both the children and events around them, allowing for the provision of motivating activities and fun learning opportunities. Learning experiences will include opportunities for outdoor learning & play.

Photographs will continue to be posted on Twitter to allow you to keep up to date with your child's learning experiences.

Homework

Homework will continue to develop and consolidate the learning in class. This will involve a mixture of games & activities to support both literacy and numeracy development. Ideas of practical activities, which will really consolidate and deepen learning, will be sent home for ongoing use. Common word and spelling consolidation will continue to follow from class learning, as well as picking up on words your individual child may benefit from practising.

Reading books will continue to come home to allow you to celebrate your child's progress with them.

Parental support is hugely valued and makes a big impact on the children's progress so your assistance is much appreciated.

Please remember that learning should be an enjoyable and positive experience for your child – a little but often is generally the most effective method to support their learning while maintaining interest.

Thank you for your support ☺



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