

Primary 2 September - October

Newsletter 2019

Welcome back everyone! We hope you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for a busy year ahead. Here is some information about Primary 2 and what to expect.

Learning Intentions:

In **Literacy** we will be continuing to develop sound knowledge - reading and writing using more challenging sound patterns and sorting words based on beginning sounds. We will also be working on our writing - lots of free writing to develop confidence in attempting new words. We will also begin to learn the different forms of writing - stories, lists, reports etc.

In **Numeracy** we are learning the different ways to make amounts up to 10 (number stories). We will be learning to count backwards/forwards between 0-20 and begin some problem solving challenges. *Remember to use the **Mathletics** programme at home - 'log on' details are stuck on the front of your yellow Activity Book.



P.E Days:

PE day for both classes is **Friday**.

Everyone should come to school ready for PE in the school kit - a pale blue t-shirt, plain navy tracksuit bottoms and trainers. The School P.E. zip-up is available in a size for P2 children from O'Neill's in the Kennedy Centre, Belfast (this is not compulsory at this time).

Home Learning:

A new reading book is given each week. Please begin each Monday with a 'picture walk' and refer to the reading strategies poster stuck into the front of the red Activity Book for guidance when reading.

Written homework will be sent home each Monday (in booklet form) to be returned on Friday and will include a range of practical and written activities. This homework should take around 30 minutes each week alongside 10 minutes reading every night. Please let us know if homework is taking much more time than this as we can aim to make it more manageable for your child, going forward.

Reading:

In P2 we will continue to build upon the foundation reading skills developed in P1 - focusing on fluency and comprehension skills to match sound knowledge. *A love of reading is the most important element to being a confident and fluent reader - lots of book time and discussion at home will help nourish this.



To bring to school each day:

- A school bag with school homework folder inside **including reading books and yellow activity book** (as we will be reading in class throughout the week, this must come in daily). Please send any notes in your child's bag/ folder with any messages or information we need.
- **Please remember to clear out folders weekly** - marked homework, notes etc. as this easily builds up over the course of the term.
- **Please check folders daily** - although we aim to send all notes on a Monday, there are some occasions when Cool Kids bills/notes are sent to us on other days.
- **Friday** - please read the library book your child chose over the weekend and return each Monday - thank you.

In World Around Us we are learning about how to be healthy, look after our bodies and how Doctors and nurses help us. (Role play - Hospital) We are using songs to help us learn the different body parts.

In ICT we will be learning to use creative programmes, interact with learning Apps and begin to save our work independently. We are developing the core skills of 'logging in' and using the mouse/keyboard to type small words. We will soon begin to use the internet independently and learn about safe internet usage.

Remember to connect to our class **See-Saw** and check back for updates of our P2 adventures!

Learning through play

Play is an important part of the Foundation Stage curriculum. Children learn as they play with others, solve problems they come across during their play and discuss what they are doing with their friends. As part of indoor play we explore construction, role-play, small world, creative, sensory activities (play dough, rice, foam etc.), freewriting experiences, iPads, Bee-Bots and practical numeracy.

We are excited to make continued use of the outside play areas including mud kitchen, water wall, play trail, Castle Gardens, sand trays etc.



Finally...

Thank you for your support so far this term, we are very much looking forward to getting to know your child, and you, more as the year progresses. Learning is a team effort and we really appreciate all you do at home to help throughout the school year! ☺

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