



This is the Primary 2 newsletter for January to April 2023. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing

In literacy this term we will be continuing to learn and practice new sounds and apply them to our reading and writing. We will use reading books in school and encourage you to continue reading for pleasure with your child. We are working hard to develop fluency in cursive handwriting and revising how to form all of our letters correctly in order to start joining up. We will be focusing on sentence structure within our writing, ensuring our sentences contain key information and make sense to the reader. A variety of genres of writing will be explored this term through our topic work, including diagrams, opinion pieces and flowcharts. We are trying hard to listen to other people during our carpet sessions and to wait for our turn to share our ideas.

Maths

In numeracy we will be continuing in our differentiated SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) groups and continuing to develop our number process knowledge. We will regularly practise counting forwards and backwards in ones, tens and twos. We will be looking at addition and subtraction strategies and equal sharing. We will also be doing topic maths afternoons and will use our outdoor spaces to apply our learning in a real-world context. Our maths topics for this term are collecting data, money and fractions. Topmarks.co.uk has lots of great games for practising numeracy at home, some of which the children will be familiar with from school.

Home Learning

We would continue to encourage you to read as much as possible at home with the children. There are lots of picture books on YouTube and Cbeebies Bedtime Stories are available on iPlayer. Leith Library is also a great resource.

The children should continue to practise skills for independence such as tying laces.

We would also encourage you to apply our numeracy and maths learning with the children in the real world; for example getting them to help pay at the shops or practising their counting skills with items at home.

Health & Wellbeing

This year our P.E. day is Friday. Please remember to send your child to school in clothes which are appropriate for PE on Fridays as we are no longer changing at school. PE may be outside some weeks as the weather improves.

This term the whole school health and wellbeing topic is Respect Yourself, looking at our own skills and unique qualities, and how we can be kind to ourselves. We are also focussing on Health and Wellbeing throughout the week in class through mindfulness, circle time and other activities.

Ethos & Wider Life of the School

As we begin to move towards P3 we will be starting to work in larger groups within class, as well as some whole class working to prepare the children for next year. We are also going to introduce more independent tasks which the children will complete before going to play. The children have enjoyed these changes and are keen to show off their independent working skills. The children are continuing to set a good example to our new P1s during play times and assemblies.

If you have any queries or concerns, or wish to celebrate a success, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support, Mr Barry and Miss Blyth - reuben.barry@victoria.edin.sch.uk, lynsey.blyth@victoria.edin.sch.uk