



# Cornbank Primary School

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to be their best now and in the future

## Primary 2/3 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to the first term of our 2019/2020 session. Primary 2/3 are quickly settling into our classroom routines and we are looking forward to the year ahead. Just a reminder that Mrs Murphy will be in class on Mon/Tues and alternate Fridays and Mrs Chatham will be in class on Wed/Thurs and alternate Fridays. We look forward to involving you in your children's learning this year!

### Literacy

This year we will continue to use the Jolly Phonics/Grammar Programme. This term we will be continuing to progress through the different sounds whilst reinforcing the sounds taught in P1/2. We will have a focus on sight vocabulary and key words to help with reading too.

For Writing we are focussing on personal experiences and ideas through diary writing, personal recounts and stories in the first person.

### Numeracy and Maths

This term we will be exploring numbers and number patterns. We will be working on numbers before/after, larger/smaller and sequencing. We will also work on our number bonds and doubles and halves.

For Maths we will be looking at extending our knowledge and use of 2D/3D shape and linking this to pattern. There will be opportunity for lots of active maths.

### Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our focus so far has been "Rights Respecting Schools". After learning about children's rights we created our 'Mario Karts' themed class charter! We have enjoyed the book 'Superworm' where we have reflected on times when we have been kind and helpful and how it made us feel.

Our main topic this term will be based on the story of "Tattiebogle" - linking to Harvest and the journey that food takes to get to our plates. This topic will culminate in a performance at our School Harvest Assembly with the P2/3 and P3 classes. We would encourage children to bring in any items related to topic work.

### Health & Wellbeing

Already this term we have had a focus on 'Letting Our Mind Grow' to encourage positivity and a resilient attitude to learning. We have learned how Gerald used perseverance in 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and that mistakes are something to be celebrated through books like 'The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes'. We will continue to focus circle times around promoting a growth mindset and using our Cornbank Toolkit in the classroom.

We will also be continuing our work looking at different methods to keep ourselves safe outside of school, particularly on the internet.

Our PE days for this term are Tuesday with Mrs Murphy and Wednesday with Mrs Jones. Please ensure that children have their gym kit on these days.

### Homework

The first Linking Our Learning homework will be issued on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Reading homework will be issued on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

### Specialist Teachers

Our class will have Music with Mrs Callaghan on a Tuesday and P.E. with Mrs Jones on a Wednesday.

### Art Shirts

We regularly enjoy art and craft activities - Please send in an old T-shirt for your child if you can.

We are both looking forward to continuing to work with your children this year. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch.  
**Mrs Murphy and Mrs Chatham**