



# Cornbank Primary School

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## Primary 2 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to the first term of Primary 2! It has been lovely seeing everyone back in school and Primary 2 have been settling into their new routines well. We have been so impressed with the enthusiasm and positivity shown towards learning. It has been great getting to know the children over the past couple of weeks and we are looking forward to the year ahead. 😊

### Literacy

This year we will continue to use the Jolly Phonics/Grammar Programme. This term, we will be reinforcing the sounds which were taught in P1, learning new digraphs and consonant blends, as well as developing our sight vocabulary.

For writing, we are describing our personal experiences and ideas through diary writing, personal reflective accounts, and stories in the first person. Following on from this, we will focus on instructional writing.

For reading, we will continue to use the Oxford Reading Tree books to develop fluency when reading aloud and using strategies to help decode trickier words. Children will have opportunities to explore books and read for enjoyment and choice through regular visits to the school library.

Children will have opportunities to develop listening and talking skills during class discussions and circle time.

### Numeracy and Maths

This term, we will be exploring numbers and number patterns. We will be working on counting forwards and backwards, identifying numbers before/after, larger/smaller and sequencing. We will also be working on strategies for addition and subtraction as well as developing our quick recall of number bonds to 5, 10, and beyond.

In Maths, we will be looking at extending our knowledge and use of 2D/3D shape, making links to pattern and symmetry. There will be lots of opportunities for active and practical maths.

### Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term our focus so far has been 'Rights Respecting Schools'. We have learned about children's rights and we worked together as a class to create our own class charters. We have also been looking at our school values, the Cornbank Learning Toolkit and how we use our tools to help us learn.

Our main topic this term will be 'My Healthy Body' where we will be learning about the different choices we can make to have a healthy body and mind. This topic will make links to a range of curricular areas and cover different aspects of health such as diet, mental, emotional, and physical health.

Mrs Deas will be focussing on French and R.M.E. with both Primary 2 classes, as well as covering aspects of Literacy and Numeracy.

### Health & Wellbeing

As part of our Health and Wellbeing focus, we have been learning about different emotions and identifying strategies that can help us manage these emotions, whilst linking this to the Zones of Regulation. Primary 2 have also been learning about what it means to tackle new learning with a growth mindset, through stories such as 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and 'The Koala Who Could'. We will soon be focussing on friendships and kindness and will be using Circle Time to explore these concepts further. Adults in the classroom and playground already support us with this work when we are playing.

On Wednesdays, could children in both Primary 2 classes please come to school wearing their P.E. kit for P.E. with their class teacher.

We are both looking forward to working with you all this year. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch. Thank you for your support.

**Miss Melvin and Miss Black**