



Cornbank Primary School

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Primary 2 Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome back for the second term of P2. We hope you had a lovely time over the October break and children are ready to start Term 2 with the same positive attitude and enthusiasm towards learning as shown in Term 1!

Literacy

For reading this term, we will be continuing to develop fluency and accuracy when reading aloud, whilst applying reading strategies to support decoding unfamiliar words. We will also be looking at reading with expression and developing reading comprehension skills. The children have been thoroughly enjoying our visits to the school library and we are looking forward to having more opportunities this term to explore the books available in our school library and read for enjoyment and choice.

We will continue to learn a new spelling pattern each week that children can practise with different active spelling tasks and activities. We will continue to have our weekly spelling dictation on a Friday. In addition to this, we will have a focus on reading and writing common words. In grammar, our learning will cover connectives as well as looking at nouns, verbs and adjectives.

For writing, we are focussing on report writing, letter writing and poetry this term. Our writing will be linked to our topic where possible. Children will continue to create personal pieces of writing by describing personal experiences and ideas through diary writing and personal reflective accounts.

Numeracy and Maths

This term, we will continue to work on counting forwards and backwards, ordering and sequencing numbers as well as recognising and identifying numerals. We will also be exploring different strategies for addition and subtraction. We continue to encourage the children to use resources available in the classroom to support with our learning in numeracy.

In Maths, we will begin the term by looking at pattern and symmetry. Children will explore symmetrical patterns in the environment, in shapes and in nature prior to creating their own symmetrical pictures and patterns with one line of symmetry. Following on from this, we will be looking at data handling, where children will have opportunities to gather information and display this data in different ways. Our learning within maths will be linked to our weather topic, where applicable.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

Our main topic this term will be 'World Weather' where we will be learning about how the weather changes throughout the seasons and how weather varies across the world. Within this topic, we will be looking at different water states and the water cycle. This topic will make links to a range of curricular areas.

Mrs Deas will continue to work with both Primary 2 classes and will primarily focus on French and R.M.E. with the classes, as well as covering aspects of literacy and numeracy.

Primary 2 will continue to take part in the Drumming for Excellence Project this term. We are looking forward to sharing a performance, that highlights what we have learned, with you!

Health & Wellbeing

This term, we will continue to refer to the Zones of Regulation and strategies we can use to deal with different emotions. We will also be continuing to encourage the children to apply a growth mindset towards learning as well as building and sustaining positive friendships with our peers. We will take part in regular Circle Time to explore concepts further. As a school, we will be working through a new health and wellbeing programme called 'Building Resilience.' The aim of this programme is to support children in developing the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future. More information on this programme will be shared with you this term.

Primary 2 will have a P.E. session with our P.E. specialist Mrs Jones and their class teacher on a Friday morning from 05.11.21 to 26.11.21. During these sessions, we will be focussing on Basic Moves skills and activities. Could children come to school wearing their P.E. kit on Fridays for P.E. with Mrs Jones and on Wednesdays for P.E. with their class teacher.

A Jamboard has been created for each child in order for us to recognise and celebrate their personal wider achievements. We are looking forward to sharing achievements from within the classroom on the Jamboards too. More information regarding how to access and use the Jamboard will be shared with you.

We are both looking forward to continuing to work with your children this term. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Melvin and Miss Black