



Cornbank Primary School

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Primary 2 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Primary 2! It has been lovely seeing everyone back in school and Primary 2 have been settling into their routines well. We have been so impressed with how the children have been earning house points by showing #RISE. It has been great getting to know the children over the first term and we are looking forward to the term 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 two letter digraphs and consonant blends, as well as developing our sight vocabulary.

For Writing, we are describing our personal experiences and ideas through personal reflective accounts. We will continue with instructional writing and begin to explore letter 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.

As well as class discussions, circle time, and games, children will have allocated days on which they can bring in something to share with the class to develop listening and talking skills.

Numeracy and Maths

This term, we will be exploring numbers and number patterns using place value. We will be working on counting forwards and backwards, comparing numbers, and sequencing. We will also be working on strategies for addition and subtraction as well as developing our quick recall of number facts to 10 and 20.

In Maths, we will be extending our knowledge and use of 2D/3D shape, making links to pattern and symmetry. We will also be learning to collect and display information as part of a data handling topic.

There will be many opportunities for active and practical maths.

Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL)

As part of our establishment phase 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.

We will continue with our 'My Healthy Body' topic this term 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 many different aspects of health. We will be exploring the main food groups which make up a healthy diet and body systems such as the immune system. There will be opportunities to participate in experiments, make predictions, and observe the results.

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 'Beautiful Oops'. We are continuing to learn about showing kindness and respect to ourselves and others, as well as strategies to resolve any disagreements. Adults in the classroom and playground continue to support us with this work when we are playing.

On Fridays, could children in both Primary 2 classes please come to school wearing their P.E. kit for outdoor P.E. (weather permitting) with their class teacher.

We are 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 Mason, Mrs Macgregor and Miss Black