



Cornbank Primary School

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to be their best now and in the future

Primary 1 Term 2 Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had an enjoyable Festive Period. We have enjoyed hearing all the holiday stories. It sounds like everyone had lots of fun. We are looking forward to another very busy and exciting term ahead.

Literacy

We are now focusing more on vowel digraphs (two letter sounds such as 'ou') and initial blends (two letter consonants). We are also learning to read and write tricky words, which do not follow phonetic rules.

We are enjoying our reading books and are continuing to work on key reading skills. Please continue to practise keywords at home as this is important to develop our sight vocabulary.

For Writing this term we will be looking at imaginative, report and instructional writing. This will be linked to our topic work.

Numeracy and Maths

We will continue to work with numbers up to 20, 30 and 50. There will be a focus on ordering and finding numbers, before/after/between, number patterns and counting forwards/backwards starting at different points. We will also be learning doubles, halves, odd and even numbers and simple addition and subtraction.

For Maths we will be looking at money and after the February break we will begin an introduction to time.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term, our topics will be based on a "learning through play" approach. We will explore our topics through a variety of supported play activities which will allow the children to follow their interests and to make choices about how they are learning. They will be supported in developing their own thoughts and ideas and consolidate their learning through group discussions and challenges. We have started this term by having a New Year and Scottish focus. We will then be exploring Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. As we progress further into the term we will be basing our topic work on Fairytales. Finally we will begin a 'Spring and New Life Topic' which we will continue into the final term.

Health & Wellbeing

Our PE day continues to be on a Thursday. Please ensure that children wear their gym kit on this day. This term children will be focusing on gymnastics and basic moves.

As part of our Health and Wellbeing focus we are continuing to explore our feelings and appropriate responses to our peers through our 'Cool in School' and RSHP programmes.

Other Information

Please continue to label all clothing and personal property, and remember to keep personal toys at home to play with.

Reading books will continue weekly. Information about reading will continue to be posted in reading records. This term we will also be starting to issue spelling and numeracy home learning. Information about this will follow.

Thank you for all of your support so far this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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