**P1 - Term 2 Newsletter**

**November 2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all managed to find some time to enjoy the October break. The children have settled back into school well and are already working hard, as we begin a very busy term at Fishermoss.

**Weekly Timetable**

There are no significant changes to our timetable this term. However, here is a reminder just for reference.

Assembly Monday afternoon

P.E Sessions Wednesday and Friday

This term we will also continue to work with the following teachers:

Tuesday RME Mrs Storey

Mrs Muir will also be supporting us in Primary one this Term, at various points on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Due to current circumstances, PE sessions will still be held outdoors, and we are still not changing in school for our PE sessions, therefore you may wish for your child to wear something appropriate for outdoor gym, especially on those colder days. In addition, we will also try to get the children outdoors most days. To accommodate for the ever-changing Scottish weather, please ensure that children have suitable clothing for their outdoor learning sessions. If there are new winter items coming into school, such as wellies, gloves hats etc. it would be helpful if you could also ensure that these items are named if possible. This will help to ensure that any stray items are returned.

**Topic**

This term we will be continuing to discuss seasons and look at autumn/winter festivals and celebrations. Although the presentation will be very different this year, we will also be preparing for our nativity performance too. Children may come home with words to learn for the nativity and your help in supporting them with this would be appreciated. Further details regarding the nativity will be issued shortly.

**Literacy**

We are continuing to work on our Jolly Phonics and on our ability to recognise a range of sounds. To support your child it may be beneficial to make simple sound flashcards, showing the sounds that they have learned at school. If more than one set is created, they could be used to play games such as snap or pairs. They could also be used to sort items they find around the house, beginning with the range of sounds, into different sets. A short time working on these daily will really help your child. We will also begin to encourage the children to blend known sounds together to make simple 3 letter words such as s-a-t. If your child is ready it would be great if you could also encourage them to begin to try and blend sounds together to make simple 3 letter words, as well as looking for words and sounds both at home and when you are out and about. Your child will really enjoy success as they learn to read and create more and more words.

Children have already started taking home their first reading books with extended stories. It has been great to hear how much they are enjoying them. The questioning and discussion will really help them to get to know the characters, begin to question what they read and help to develop vital comprehension skills. It would be appreciated if you could also continue to support your child with the stage 1 words that were sent home, this will support their progressing throughout the reading scheme.

**Numeracy**

This term Primary 1 will continue to focus on numbers within 10, working on formation and developing/extending their understanding of number bonds. We will also continue to look at patterns and begin to work on addition and 2D/3D shape. Your child’s numeracy development can be encouraged through discussion during visits to the supermarket, during time spent outdoors, counting cars on journeys to and from school, baking, playing games with a dice, dominoes or other fun learning games. [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) is a great resource to support children in their learning.

**Google Classroom**

Children will soon be coming home with details of our google classroom, which will be used to support our online learning show and tell event, which will take place next Tuesday 10th November. During this event, the children will be able to show you things from the classroom and share their learning with you. When the details for google classroom come home, it would be great if you could check access to ensure that any problems can be sorted out before next Tuesday.

**Dates for the Diary**

**November**

* Rotary Shoe Box Appeal – last day to return boxes to school - Friday 6th
* Pupil Show & Tell Online Curriculum Event - Tuesday 10th
* Children in Need – Dress as you please day - Friday 13th
* In-Service Day – School closed to pupils – Friday 20th

**December**

* Nativity Performance – Details to follow
* Last day of term - Friday 18th

It was lovely to chat with you all during our parent consultations. Thank you for your continued support, it really is appreciated. As always if there are ever any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch using the school diary, by email gw14mcdonaldjanelle@glow.sch.uk or by contacting the school office.

Best Wishes,

Mrs McDonald