**P1M - Term 2 Newsletter - November 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all managed to enjoy some family time during the October break. The children have settled back into school and are ready to begin a very busy term at Fishermoss.

It was lovely to chat with you all during our parent consultations and we are looking forward to sharing our learning with you during our virtual show and tell event from Tuesday 16th November. This event will be held virtually through our Google Classroom, details of which children should have brought home before the holidays. If you have not already done so, it would be great if you could check access to ensure that any problems can be sorted out before the event.

**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 Tuesday and Friday

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

Friday PE/Literacy Miss Anderson

Miss Anderson will also be supporting us in Primary one on a Wednesday morning.

We will still try and hold our PE sessions outdoors, weather permitting, 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.

**Clothing**

If there are new winter items coming into school, such as jackets, wellies, gloves, hats etc. it would be helpful if you could ensure that these items are named. You wouldn’t believe how many lonely gloves we end up with at this time of the year and this will help to ensure that any stray items can find their way home.

As the weather is beginning to change you may wish to pop a spare pair of socks or trousers into your child’s bag for them to use, we often get wet feet and trousers after break and lunchtimes when the puddles appear! We are lucky to have some spare clothes within school that we can use if your child needs to change during the day, however we only have a small supply, therefore it would be appreciated if you could ensure that any borrowed socks or clothing are returned to school.

**Topic**

This term we will be continuing to discuss seasons and look at autumn/winter festivals and celebrations. We have also started the preparations for our nativity performance too. I am sure you will all become very familiar with the catchy songs very soon! The presentation of the nativity will be different again this year, however it will be shared with you virtually, on our Google Classroom, for you to enjoy. 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. Another set of sound cards will be sent home shortly when the second set of sounds has been completed. To support your child, you may find it beneficial to use the sound cards 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.

It has been great to hear how much the children have enjoyed taking home their first reading books with extended stories. We are continuing with wordless books and will be sending home books with words as children are ready. It would be appreciated if you could also continue to support your child to learn the words on the word walls that were sent home, this will really help their progressing throughout the reading scheme.

Regardless of whether your child has wordless books or books with words, asking them questions will really help them begin to question what they read and develop their own storytelling skills, for example - What can you see? Why do you think that happened? I can see the trees are bent over and have swirly lines near them, what do you think that means? Asking your child to predict what they think will happen next, before turning the page, and asking them to re-tell the story afterwards will also help to develop vital comprehension skills.

**Numeracy**

This term Primary 1 will continue to focus on developing/extending their understanding of number within 10. We will also continue to look at pattern, shape and begin to work on addition. 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 and they children enjoy playing the games in school.

**Dates for the Diary**

**November**

* Pupil Show & Tell Curriculum Event on Google Classroom - Tuesday 16th
* Children in Need – Dress as you please day - Friday 12th
* In-Service Day – School closed to pupils – Thursday 18th and Friday 19th

**December**

* Nativity Performance – Details to follow
* Last day of term – Tuesday 21st

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 or by contacting the school office.

Best Wishes,

Mrs McDonald