

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and made the most of the slightly warmer weather! We have reached the final term of Primary 1, where did the year go?! It will be a busy time with lots of learning and experiences to be enjoyed.

**Literacy**

Phonics – the children continue to learn new alternative sounds (oi and oy), and are consolidating previously learned sounds. The children are being encouraged to become ever more confident when blending the sounds together in words.  
 Reading – Reading books will continue to be sent home and as before, we will send home the books on a Monday and should be returned on the Thursday of that week.  
 The Tricky Word books are now going home in their reading packs and the explanation of what to do is inside the cover.

**Numeracy**

The children will continue to build their knowledge of addition and subtraction skills. We will continue to look at number to 20 and beyond.  
 As we prepare for moving to Primary 2 we will revise and consolidate all previously learned maths concepts as well as extending our knowledge.  
 Sumdog logins will have been issued so please try to encourage your child to have a go at home. Sometimes a specific challenge may be set by the teachers to reinforce something learned in class. Sumdog is a great way for children to engage in maths while playing within a computer game format. 10 minutes a day can make all the difference.

**Other Curricular Areas**

Through children’s interest we will be looking at aspects of Our Planet. This was sparked by Earth Day. The Topic will change as the children’s interests take different directions.  
 We will again use our outside space more regularly for a variety of Outdoor Learning.  
 PE sessions continue as before but we are now able to begin using a separate PE kit for these sessions. We would appreciate if children could bring a named pair of shorts and a t-shirt in a bag together with a pair gym shoes if you can. The bag should be named to make identifying PE kits easier. We will keep these in school to be sent home at the end of the session. Please do not go and buy a specific kit at this late stage in the school year, we are just taking the opportunity for slight changes in covid restrictions to ‘train’ the children to change into PE kits independently.

**How to help at home**

- \*Talk about what the children have been ‘learning’ at school. Encourage them to explain tasks that they may have done.
- \*Share a quiet time for reading as often as possible. This can be school reading books and other stories to encourage enjoyment and enthusiasm for reading.
- \*Play games to encourage turn taking, number recognition, coping strategies for not winning, promote talking and listening skills etc
- \*Encourage your child to play Sumdog, work with Learn Its and practise Tricky words regularly.
- \*Try to encourage independence where possible, such as packing their own snacks into school bags, making sure reading folders are returned into bags after you have used them.

As the weather improves it may be worth remembering to put sun cream on your child in the morning or to keep a small tube in their schoolbags so the children can apply it themselves through the day if necessary. It may also be a good idea to put a sun hat into school bags too.

We look forward to sharing information with you about your child’s time at school through our parent interviews and Learning Journals.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Murray and Mrs Jackson