

**NEWTONGRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer. We've enjoyed welcoming back our Primary 2's and are looking forward to having a fun year of learning and developing new skills through play. Below is an outline of our planned learning for term 1 helping us to work together to achieve the best for our children.

### Primary 2 – Term 1

#### **We are learning:**

##### **Health and Wellbeing**

We will be continuing to follow our building resilience programme, with a focus on 'Take a moment'. We will also explore the Wellbeing Indicators, developing an understanding of what it means to be "Nurtured" and "Included".

Within PE we are developing our gross motor skills and control skills by working with balls.

##### **Literacy**

We continue with our Read, Write, Inc. programme which helps us to develop our sounds that are then applied in spelling and reading lessons. Through our weekly writing lessons we will explore the different functions of writing with a focus on functional writing. We will have regular opportunities for focused listening and talking such as sharing our thoughts and ideas during class discussions.

##### **Numeracy and Mathematics**

In term 1 we will be focusing on reading, writing and ordering numbers to 100. We will develop our speedy recall of doubles within 10 and addition and subtraction within 5 and develop our ability to use these skills for addition and subtraction to 20 and beyond. We will be learning to skip count in order to quickly count totals within a group when multiplying and dividing.

##### **Ethos and Wider Life of the School**

As part of the wider life of the school we will celebrate achievements through Star Learner awards and Good News notes; represent our class in Decision Making Groups; develop an awareness of our Rights and participate in Wider Curriculum activities.



##### **Opportunities for Wider Achievement**

Please keep us informed about achievements outside of school. Please send in any medals or certificates with learners so that they can share and celebrate with their peers. There will also be a number of Extra Curricular clubs, after school and lunchtime learning opportunities running throughout the year.

##### **Learning across the Curriculum**

In Term 1 our context for learning will be "Dinosaurs". We will be finding out about how they lived and what led to their extinction. We will discuss the role that Scientists had in finding out about how they lived. We will also look at a variety of evidence, including fossils, to develop our own investigative skills.

##### **Discrete Subjects**

We will be focusing on developing respect for others and their beliefs through stories from Christianity and other World Religions. In music we will use instruments and our voices to follow a beat and create music. We will also use simple programmes on the i-Pad, and will develop our skills on Seesaw in order to support our learning.

#### **Key Dates**

15.09.23 – School Holiday (September break)

25.09.23 – Maths Week Scotland

18.09.23 – School Holiday (September break

13.10.23 – End of term (normal school finish time)

23.10.23 – Inservice Day