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Dear Parent and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely October break, it's hard to believe that we are into term 2 of learning already. This term is full of fun activities and is set to be exciting and busy. We have set out our planned learning for term 2 below, we look forward to continuing to work with our learners to help them achieve.

Primary 1 – Term 2

We are learning:					
Health and Wellbeing We are working well following the P1 routines while developing a growth mindset to support us when faced with challenges in learning. We are continuing to think about our friendship and making new connections while talking about and sharing how we feel. Within physical education we will be focusing on movement to music, developing our skills and physical fitness. We will also take part in playground games learning new skills through play. This term we will also be learning about keeping ourselves safe within our local community.	Literacy We will continue with our Read, Write Inc. programme which assists us in forming our letters correctly, developing our understanding of the letter sounds and using these to help us read CVC words. With support we are continuing to create a simple story/piece of writing once per week. We have frequent opportunities for talking and listening during Circle Time which will allow us to understand turn taking and use of an appropriate volume of voice.	Numeracy and Mathematics In term 2 we will be focusing on: Counting, recognising and sequencing numbers to 30. Ordering numbers, starting from any number. Forming all numbers correctly. Estimating and counting items within 20. Addition within 10 using concrete materials. Measurement - measuring length, height, mass and capacity using a range of appropriate non-standard units (e.g. the pencil is 4 cubes long). We will also be exploring 2D and 3D shape.	Ethos and Wider Life of the School This term we are very lucky to be getting visits from the Rookie Rockstars as a part of Anti-bullying Week. Further information on this will be shared shortly. P1 classes have also joined our Pupil Voice groups with P1M as Rights Ambassadors, P1T as Play Pioneers and P1MH as Eco Warriors.		Opportunities for Wider Achievement We love to be informed about achievements out-with school. Please send in any medals or certificates with learners to show and celebrate with their peers. We will be running a number of Extra Curricular clubs after school and lunchtime learning opportunities throughout the year. More information to follow shortly.
Learning across the Curriculum In Term 2 our context for learning will be “ People Who Help Us ”.		Discrete Subjects We will be focusing on developing respect for others and their beliefs through stories from Christianity			

We will begin by finding out all about people who help us at school and within our wider community. We will continue to learn across the curriculum through play based learning. This term the learners will also be introduced to "Meta Skills" which will support them to discuss their learning through play.

and Other World Religions. We will also be performing our P1 Christmas Story. In music we will use instruments and our voices to follow a beat and create music. In art we will use a variety of media including clay, chalk and natural materials to create pictures and models. We will also use simple programmes on the Smart board and i-Pads.

Key Dates

8th & 9th November - Parents Consultations
13th to 17th November – Anti Bullying Week and Book Week Scotland
17th November - Children in Need - Dress down / pyjama day
17th November - 11.15 - 12.00 P1-3 Book Bug / Read Write Count Bags

22nd November Rookie Rockstars Concert - more information to follow
8th December – Wider Curriculum
14th December – Christmas Story
22nd December – End of term (normal school finish time)
Christmas Dates will follow in a Christmas Countdown Calendar