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Our Ref:



Dear Parent and Carers,

I can't believe we are in our final term to primary 2, with what has been an incredibly fast and successful school year. There have been so many achievements and highlights to be proud of and I'm sure that Term 4 will bring with it much of the same.

Primary 2 – Term 4

We are learning:		
<p>Health and Wellbeing In term 4, we will continue to follow our building resilience programme, with specific focus on "Make a Difference." This term we will be looking at My Body and Privacy. This links well to our short topic on the human body. For our wellbeing indicators we will be considering "Achieving" and "Respected". During PE we will have a focus on Fitness and Athletics in the run up to our school sports day.</p>	<p>Literacy Our Read, Write, Inc. programme helps us to develop our sounds that are then applied in spelling and reading lessons. Through our weekly writing lessons we will be continuing to explore the different functions of writing with a focus on writing persuasive arguments and diary entries. We will continue to have regular opportunities for focused listening and talking such as sharing our thoughts and ideas during class discussions.</p>	<p>Numeracy and Mathematics In term 4 we will continue to develop our understanding of place value. We will explore how we can visually represent numbers and sums when solving calculations and the importance of having multiple strategies in our 'numeracy tool belt'. In multiplication and division we will continue to look at building arrays and show how we can visually represent this. We will use our knowledge of skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to help us to quickly calculate a total. Within maths, we will be looking at how to calculate change when working with money..</p>
<p>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; develop an awareness of our Rights and participate in Wider Curriculum activities. P2 are leading the 'Community Explorers' group and are beginning to make links with the local community. We are excited to be working on preparing an open day for our school garden - which we (along with dedicated adults and other classes in school) have been working hard to develop.</p>		<p>Opportunities for Wider Achievement We continue to welcome hearing about learners' achievements outside of school. We encourage learners to tell us about their special achievements and give them the opportunity to share and celebrate these things with the class.</p>

Learning across the Curriculum

In Term 4 our context for learning will be decided by the pupils and will either be “**Superheroes**” or “**Inventors**”. Within either of these topics will be investigating forces along with electricity, and vibrations and waves. We are looking forward to designing and creating our own experiments as part of this topic.

Our planning and growing topic will be continued during together time where we will be involved in a showcase for our school garden and continuing to visit the community garden.

Discrete Subjects

We will be focusing on understanding how the human body works, learning about our main organs and their function.

Within technologies, learners will begin to explore the app ‘Book Creator’, where they will be given the opportunity to create their own books and share their news in digital format. We will also be learning how to code using the program ‘Scratch’, where learners will program a set of instructions to create programs and develop their understanding of computational language.

Key Dates

3rd May - Wider Curriculum

6th May- School holiday

8th May - Drumming performance (to be shared on Seesaw)

10th May - National Numeracy Day

16th May - Sponsored Bounce

20th May - Inservice Day

24th May - Wider Curriculum

27th May - Parent Council Meeting 7PM

31st May - Sports day - 9am P1-3

13th June - Meet the Teacher

14th June - Wider Curriculum

21st June - Achievement Assembly / School Garden Open Day

28th June - Last day of term