



This is the Primary 2 newsletter for August to December 2022. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



### **Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing**

In literacy this term we will be building upon our learning from Primary 1 and continuing to learn new sounds. We will use reading books in school and hope to start sending books home in the next few weeks for reading for pleasure with your child. We are working hard to develop fluency in cursive handwriting and revising how to form all our letters correctly in order to start joining up. We will be focusing on sentences within our writing, ensuring every sentence starts with a capital letter and finishes with a full stop. A variety of genres of writing will be explored this term through our topic work, including instructions and letter writing. We are trying hard to listen to other people during our carpet sessions and to wait for our turn to share our ideas.

### **Maths**

In numeracy we will be continuing in our differentiated SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) groups and working on our number process knowledge from Primary 1. We will regularly practise counting forwards and backwards in ones, tens and twos. We will be looking at addition and subtraction strategies and equal sharing. We will also be doing topic maths afternoons and will head to the park to explore maths and numeracy outdoors. Our maths topics for this term are shape, pattern and symmetry. Topmarks.co.uk has lots of great games for practising numeracy at home, some of which the children will be familiar with from school.

### **Home Learning**

We hope to start sending reading books for enjoyment home in the next few weeks. We would encourage you to read as much as possible at home with the children. There are lots of picture books on YouTube and Cbeebies Bedtime Stories are available on iPlayer. Cbeebies also have an app called "Cbeebies Story Time" for listening to stories or reading themselves. The children should continue to practise skills for independence such as tying laces.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

This year our P.E. day is Friday. Please remember to send your child to school in clothes which are appropriate for PE on Fridays as we are no longer changing at school. PE may be outside some weeks.

This term the whole school health and wellbeing topic is Be Resilient and Keep Connected. We are also focussing on Health and Wellbeing throughout the week in class through mindfulness, circle time and other activities.

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

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in Primary 2. We have lots of exciting things to look forward to and we are keen to develop our skills and build upon what we learnt in Primary 1. We have already shown our love of learning in the first few weeks and will be challenging ourselves with independent tasks and group work as well as continuing to learn through play. The children have already begun to adapt to life in Primary 2 and are being responsible and setting a good example to our new P1s.

To see how your child is progressing in school, please log on to their learning Journal at <https://victoria.yourlearningjournals.co.uk>

If you have any queries or concerns, or wish to celebrate a success, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Hamilton and Miss Blyth - [hannemary.hamilton@victoria.edin.sch.uk](mailto:hannemary.hamilton@victoria.edin.sch.uk), [lynsey.blyth@victoria.edin.sch.uk](mailto:lynsey.blyth@victoria.edin.sch.uk)

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