**P2 November Newsletter**

Hello Mums and Dads,

Just a little note to tell you about some of the things that will be happening in Primary Two this month.

MC900281179[1]**Literacy**

In November we are continuing with Stage One of the Linguistic Phonics Programme. We will be using our sounds to build 3 letter words such as cat, yes, not. We are developing this by manipulating phonemes to make new words, for example build the word not and change it to hot, then hat etc. We will also spend some time looking at rhyming words, e.g. hat, bat, cat. This helps to give children knowledge of middle vowel sounds which can be quite tricky to identify. To help children with sounding out their words you should have received a sound box with sounds to help them build the words.

We are continuing to develop our knowledge of key words. Lists will continue to be sent home each Monday for your child to learn and tested on a Friday. The layout of these has been changed and children are now going to be given 5 keywords to learn per week and asked to practice writing these.

Any words not known will be underlined and I would ask you to go over these again the following week, when all the words are known you will be provided with a new list. It is very important that children recognise these words instantly for the development of their reading. If your child is experiencing any problems please do not hesitate to let me know.

MC900055589[1]

**Numeracy**

We are continuing to reinforce work on number bonds up to 10. Just to reiterate that if you have access to the internet there is a game on the ICT games website called ‘Save the Whale’ which helps to reinforce this concept. The web address is [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com). If you then click on ‘numeracy games’ and then on ‘number facts,’ the game is located in this section. In November, we will also be revising simple 2-D shapes. We will also be looking at the concept of subtraction within 10. In our mental maths we will be practising adding and taking away 0, 1 and 2 from any given number within 10, without using any mathematical apparatus. Any opportunities you can get to practice any of these concepts at home would be very beneficial to your child.

**MC900089036[1]Homework**

We do endeavour to put any notes that come round into your child’s homework folder. Sometimes this is not always possible so if you could also check school bags for any miscellaneous notes that would be great. Please remember to sign homeworks.

MC900360792[1]**Topic Work**

We will be looking at our theme of ‘Fairy Tales.’ This is designed develop the children’s knowledge of traditional fairy tales and also to sustain their love of stories and books. If you would read some Fairy Tales to the children and discuss things such as the characters in the story, what happened after, before etc. this would be reflective of what the children are being asked in class. Our role-play area this month is the Fairy Tale Castle. If you have any spare odds and ends that you feel you would like to donate to fit in with this theme, I would really appreciate the extra resources. As part of our topic work this month we will be participating in the ‘Rhyme a Day’ challenge for National Nursery Rhyme week. As part of the challenge the children will be learning a nursery rhyme in class every day along with some fun activities and there is a certificate for each child who participates. These are just for fun, if you have time. They do not need to be returned to school.

MC900088892[1]**Story Sacks**

Story Sacks will continue in the same format for the month of November. Can you please ensure story sacks are returned on a Monday so that they can be checked and prepared for the next child.

MC900157109[1]**Dates for your Diary**

* **Monday 6th November- Curriculum afternoon for parents**
* You will soon receive an appointment to meet with myself to discuss your child’s progress. If the time does not suit, please let me know as soon as possible so another appointment can be made.

Have a look on our website for updates on activities we do throughout the month.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you have found it useful. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Miss O’ Kane