

## Term 3 Newsletter- Primary 2A

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break and thank you very much for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts I received from the pupils.

### Numeracy

In numeracy this term we will be focusing on addition to 20 or higher using a variety of different strategies. We will be learning our number bonds to 20 and will be working on developing quick, mental recall of these addition facts. We will continue our work on Time, focusing on ordering the days, weeks and seasons as well as time durations. Later this term we will be learning about money where we will be making amounts up to £1.

### Literacy

For the first few weeks this term we will be revising the new sounds we learned last term- ay, aw, ea, ue, oi, ow. We will focus on 2 revision sounds per week before we move on to learning a new digraph from Stage 2 each week after that. This term will be focusing on 3 tricky words per week- 2 of these will be new words and 1 we will have previously learned. This is to help us with spelling some of the more difficult words we have previously learned. Please continue to practise the tricky word flashcards and sound flashcards at home as much as possible.

### Topic

Our topic this term is based around the book "The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark". We will be reading the book as a class and from this, we will be learning about Owls- their life cycle, food chain and habitats as well as learning about other nocturnal animals. We will also be learning about Day/Night and Light/Dark and will be finding out about the Sun, the Moon and the stars. We have made a great start to this topic so far and the children came up with some very interesting questions that they want to know the answer to!

### Show and Tell

The children are still enjoying Show and Tell, however due to changes in our timetable we won't be able to hear everyone's 'show and tells' every week. Starting next week, I will allocate 4 children per week for Show and Tell. I will tell the children on a Monday and will stick a note in the reading record that week so that you are aware. As before, if your child doesn't want to bring in anything for Show and Tell that is fine. Hopefully this will ensure children are bringing in things they really want to talk about, and hopefully everyone will get 2 turns this term.

### P.E

P.E days this term will be Thursday and Friday with myself. Please can you ensure your child has a P.E kit in school as there are still a few pupils without. I will send these home at half term to be washed however you can ask your child to bring it home at any point.

### Homework

Homework and reading will continue in the same pattern as last term and will start next week (Monday 15/1/18). All homework is handed out on Monday and due for Thursday. Maths homework will continue to be on Education City- also due for Thursday. Reading days are Monday and Thursday with a new book on both days. Please continue to check your child's reading record and sign when reading has been done at home. Please can children bring their purple packets to school every day, as there is often letters etc to be sent home on non-reading days.

If you have a note for myself in your child's reading record please let them know to tell me as often these can be missed if it is not a reading day. Similarly, if you have a letter/return slip to hand back to school, let your child know it is in their packet- as I encourage the children to be independent when handing in homework and reading books from their packets and letters can often get missed if they don't know they are there.

Please get in touch if you have any queries.

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