



# Primary 2B Newsletter: Term 1 2017-18

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Welcome to our termly Class Newsletter which aims to give you a little more information about what your child will be doing this term.

## Welcome to Term 1

It's been a busy first few weeks back at school after the long summer break with lots of changes for the children to get used to – a new classroom space, a new teacher and even somewhere new to hang coats and bags. Please make sure that everything your child brings to school is labelled. I have a few items of unnamed clothing already this term, so please let me know if you think one may belong to your child.

### Timetable

	P.E	French	Reading	Music	Asse mby
Mon	√		√		
Tues				√	
Wed	√				
Thurs			√		
Fri		√			√

Please note that there may be changes to this timetable, for example when we arrange a class trip or have a visitor in class/school.

### Purple Packets

Please make sure your child has this with them every day for notes & reading books.

## Toys

This term, much of our learning is linked to the context of toys, as mentioned in an earlier letter. We are still collecting junk modelling material for our team robot building challenge so please continue to send in plastic bottles, margarine tubs, kitchen roll tubes, etc.

## Reading

Reading is planned for a Monday and Thursday each week, with the children reading in small groups, supported by myself and Mrs West. Children may change groups during the term/year. This is to ensure that we achieve the right balance between challenge and support for each individual child.

We had a very successful class trip to the library where the class joined the library staff, Jill & Patricia in singing songs & listened to Shark in the Park. They also had great fun taking part in a sounds quiz linking to our Toys project.

We have borrowed lots of books to stock up our in-class book corner.

It's free to join the library & borrow books – more info at <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/locations/local-libraries/peterhead-library/>

### Please help your child by.....

Reading with your child as much as possible – anything and everything is good reading material – signs in the street, bus timetables, catalogues, words within games, story books, fact books, comic strip stories.....

Point out the individual sounds as you read. Anything that you and your child enjoy reading will help them to learn to read themselves.

## Maths

This term we are learning number properties to 20. Once the children have mastered addition & subtraction to 10, we will then be moving on to addition & subtraction to 20. In topic maths, we will be learning about 2D (flat) shapes, and 3D shapes.

### Please help your child by.....

- Counting with them up from 0-20, then back again.
- Counting out objects (eg lego blocks, toys, pegs etc) to reinforce numbers 11-20. Remind your child to touch each object as they count (1-1 matching).
- Pointing out **2D shapes** - flat shapes eg circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon.
- Pointing out **3D shapes** such as sphere (eg ball), cube (eg dice), cuboid (eg rectangular boxes), cylinder eg (tin can).

## Homework

Please see sheet sent out in week 3 about homework.

Please use the word flashcards as much as possible each week to help your child to learn their sounds & tricky/common words.

