



# P2 Class Newsletter



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## HELLO FROM PRIMARY 2!



This class newsletter provides you with information on what your child will be doing in school during Term 1. We hope you find this helpful for supporting your child at home. Primary 2 have a busy term ahead and we look forward to everybody working hard.

### Phonics & Reading



Children will learn new sounds and transfer their spelling knowledge into their writing. We will have a focus on our common words. Please practise spelling words given for homework in order to support this further. This term children are working in their reading groups following their specific reading scheme which may be Dandelion, Big-Cats or BugClub. In class children will be consolidating and learning new comprehension skills linked to their reading books. Children will begin to answer questions, draw or write their predictions and sound out their letters to blend their words. Each week Ben Bear reminds the children of their reading tools and exposes them to a new exciting story to learn from. You can foster these skills at home by discussing the main events of the story and the order in which they happen, talking about how the characters feel at varying points of the story and asking your child true/false questions related to the book. We will also be learning about nouns, verbs, adjectives and antonyms.



### Writing



In Primary 2, the children are encouraged to be more independent in their writing through news writing and story writing (alongside other activities). We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Some children will be working on using openers, WOW words and connectives. In handwriting we will be learning how to form our letters correctly on the line and learning to control the sizing of our letters. To help us with our imaginative writing we will be using the Talk for Writing approach and looking at traditional tales to provide us with structure and ideas.



### Maths

In maths some children have been learning how to say, recognise and write numbers to 10, 100, or 1000. We have been learning how to order these numbers and say what numbers come before and after. We will also be learning our number bonds to 10 and 20 which will later help us with our addition and subtraction. We will also be working together to solve problems and challenge each other with our mental maths questions. We are currently having fun learning all about 2D and 3D shapes.

## Animals

This term P1, P1/2 and P2 came together and children got the opportunity to suggest topics that they would like to learn about. Every child then had to vote for their favourite and together we decided on 'Animals'. I am sure the children will keep you updated as our topic develops!



### Other Information



Primary 2 will have P.E. on a Monday and Tuesday, please remember to bring your gym kit and remove jewellery before coming to school. This term we will be focusing on ball skills and improving our fitness. Homework will be given out on a Monday to be returned on Thursday. We would like to thank you for your continued support. #teamlairdsland

### Health and Wellbeing

We will continue to put our mindfulness into practice by doing our mindful breaths each day. We will be learning to recognise our emotions and learning different strategies that we can use to help us manage them. This term there will be a focus on friendships and with the help of Twiggie and Henrietta we will be learning how to respond when tricky issues arise.

