

Primary 1

Term 1 Newsletter 2025

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all parents and children to Room 2. I am delighted to have your child in my class this year.

I am pleased to report that all the children have settled in well to Room 2.

The information below will provide you with an idea of their learning this term, please also follow us on X to see weekly updates.

Literacy

P1

The children are beginning their literacy journey by learning the letters of the alphabet starting this term with s, a, t, p, i, n, r, m. They will be working on the formation of these letters, identifying them and using them to help spell and sound out words. It is important to note that the children will learn the sound *and* name of each letter.

They will also learn three words per week, in line with North Lanarkshire's literacy programme although please be aware that for the first month they will learn three words *per fortnight*. The words they will learn before the October Week are – a, I,

at, it, is, as, the, an, in, here, am, my, his.

Children will begin to learn a wide range of strategies to support them in their reading such as pointing to each word as they read, looking at the pictures for clues and looking at the first sound in words. They will also begin to complete writing activities related to their reading book.

On Fridays the children will be working on writing activities based on ideas linked to their topic.

P2

The children continue their literacy journey in P2 by learning more digraphs (two letters which make one sound); this term they will focus on – wh, ph, oy, ai, oa, ay, ea. Some children will revise and revisit their learning of the initial sounds.

Common words from P1 will be revisited at the beginning of T1 as prescribed in the literacy programme and the children will then move on to learning new words – day, away, always, today, each, ask, year, eat, yellow, grow, again, food. Some children will revisit and revise common words from the Stage 1 programme.

Children will continue to build on strategies they learned in P1 to help them to read and write. Daily writing activities will help to extend their understanding of texts, and they will begin to work closely with their partners in different literacy activities.

Taught writing will be linked to the class topic.

Please note that homework will be sent home on a Monday and will be linked to the previous weeks learning in literacy.

Maths

P1

The focus in maths this term is on understanding number and the formation of the numbers zero to 10. The children will have lots of play based opportunities to form, recognise and count out amounts.

They will also participate in different SEAL experiences which helps to support their understanding of number and develop counting strategies. The children will start to participate in Number Talks activities which helps to develop their number

sense and allows them to be flexible in their mathematical thinking.

Friday is our 'Measurement' day where, this term, the focus will be on measuring capacity, length, height and weight. There will be lots of 'hands on' play based activities for the children to explore and investigate measurement.

P2

The focus in maths this term is on number and number processes. The children will be learning all about numbers to 100 and will be working on recalling number sequences, words before and after numbers, counting forwards and backwards, sequencing numbers, recognising numbers and writing numbers. They will participate in a wide range of SEAL experiences to help them in their learning.

They will revisit addition and subtraction strategies and work on adding and subtracting within 20. They will also be learning about multiplication and will focus on the two times table.

The children will also participate in Number Talks and CGI problem solving activities.

P2 will also be learning about measurement and will build on their knowledge from P1. Children will begin to measure in metres and half metres, use the language of measurement and investigate and compare areas, capacity and weight.

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E. days are Wednesday (gym hall) and Friday afternoons (outdoors). The focus will be on following instructions, playing games and being part of a team. The children will also participate in some balance and movement exercises and try some yoga too!

During Circle Time the children have the opportunity to share their feelings, using different resources to support them in doing so. We will read the story 'The Colour Monster' this term and the children will start to 'register' their feelings on the Colour Monster wall as part of their morning routine.

The children also enjoy daily mindfulness sessions after playtime which helps them to improve their concentration, gives them strategies to help manage their emotions and helps them to be present in the moment.

Topic

Our topic at the beginning of T1 is based on 'Dirty Beasts' a selection of animal poems by Roald Dahl. The children will be learning tricky words from the poems, sharing their ideas through art, learning about the role of an author and an illustrator, focusing on rhyming words and trying to make their own poems.

The following topic is yet to be decided and will be based on the children's ideas and interests.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on Monday each week. The focus will be on the sound and common words from the previous week. Completing the homework will be of great benefit to your child as it will reinforce their learning from class.

Twitter

If you haven't already, please follow us on Twitter for lots of information (and lovely pictures!) about your child's learning. Please search @LMcAllisterBHil.

Buddies

The children have enjoyed continuing their relationships with their buddies since starting school and have enjoyed playing with them outside at playtime. There will be further opportunities to see their buddies as the year continues.

Upcoming Events

10/9 – Meet the Teacher 2pm-3pm

25/9 – Wellbeing Day & Charity Event

9/10 – Harvest Service