

# What's Going on in Primary 1?



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**Developing Skills** We are trying to encourage the children to become more independent in daily tasks such as putting on their own shoes and coats, cutting, changing for gym and organising themselves in the morning and at home time.

**Loose Parts:** As play is a big part of our learning in Primary 1 we are hoping to build our collection of loose parts. If you have any of the following at home please send them in: nuts and bolts (no screws), corks, bottle tops, loose buttons, old keys, shells, stones, old jewellery or anything else you think the children might enjoy.

## Things to Remember:

- **PE Kit** – please make sure your child has either shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings with the for gym on a Monday and Tuesday.
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- **Naming Items** – please can you make sure that all of your child's clothes and belongings are named to help us keep track of them.



# What's Going on in Primary 1/2?

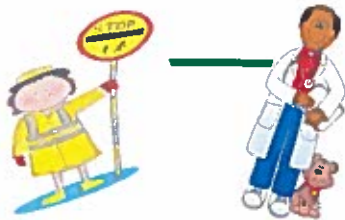
Term One



Welcome to Primary 1/2! The children have all settled in well in their new class and are enjoying exploring their new learning environment as well as getting to know one another.

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**Literacy** The children are developing their talking and listening skills by working with their talking partners. They have also been enjoying a range of stories and drama activities. Primary 1 will be focusing on rhyme and will be introduced to the initial sounds. Primary 2 will continue with the RWI programme.

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# P2 Newsletter September 2017



## Maths

In maths we will be working on counting forwards and backwards within 100, ordering and sequencing numbers, combining and partitioning numbers within 10 and developing early multiplication and division strategies. In class pupils will develop their knowledge of numbers through practical activities and games. We will also be learning about time - naming and ordering days and months and using analogue and digital clocks to read and show the time.

## Literacy

In Literacy we will continue to consolidate knowledge of sounds and spelling patterns to develop fluent reading. Pupils will read in pairs and groups daily in school and show their understanding through answering questions about their books. In writing this term we are focusing on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to write in sentences. We aim to develop new vocabulary through listening to stories daily and discussing the meaning of unfamiliar words.

## Themes

Our whole school theme this term is 'diversity'. Through our link with a school in Tanzania we are learning about different cultures and shared values. We will be reading stories from Africa that explore values such as fairness and sharing. Each class in the school will learn about a different religion to contribute to a sharing event for families in October. In Primary 2 we will be learning about Buddhism.

## Notices

PE is every Monday and Friday. We will also be taking part in the Daily Mile, encouraging pupils to walk or run a mile every day. Pupils will need gym shoes and shorts in school every day.

Home learning grids will be sent home each month with a choice of learning activities linked to our school curriculum. Please return home learning folders each month so we can share pupils learning in class.

Please can pupils bring a filled water bottle and a healthy snack to school each day.



# Primary 3 class newsletter

September – December 2017

## Class information

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and you and your children are raring to get back to learning. In P3 we will be continuing our daily mile so if possible it would be great to keep a **pair of trainers** in school so shoes can be changed particularly as the weather gets wetter. Usually PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday so **please** make sure your child comes prepared with **indoor shoes** and a **change of bottoms** (shorts, joggers or leggings all fine) and a change of top if your child no longer has a PE top in school. PE tops will be kept in school and washed regularly. The homework grid for this term until Christmas is included. There are some things that you must do with your child regularly to support their consistent progress and a series of optional fun shared learning opportunities, we will share these on Fridays.

### Literacy

In Literacy RWI will continue for the majority of children. We will be continuing with our word boost and we will be starting to read and choose books independently. We will be learning about story writing and learning about the features of different types of story. In addition to this we will be learning to form cursive letters and use our initial joins. We will be focussing on consistent spelling of common words and some patterns.



### Maths and numeracy

We will be continuing to practise our number bonds trying to become quick and accurate in our recall of these. We will be continuing to develop our number understanding and problem solving skills through a number of games activities and worksheets. We will have a focus on shape where we will be investigating the features of 2D and 3D shapes and how this area of maths has impacted our world through recycling.



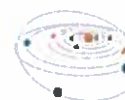
### Health and wellbeing

As well as running (or quick walking) the mile, P3 will be continuing to develop our social skills through challenges and paired and small group working. We will be looking at how our bodies work and ways of keeping ourselves healthy. In PE the class will be developing their basic moves, and skills in team games such as hockey.



### Other areas

In P3 this term we will be learning about living things, looking at various ways of sorting and categorising them. We will be exploring ways of creating better habitats for birds in our school grounds. We will also be exploring games from past, present and future and using some of their best features to create our own.



In addition to our home learning grid, we are always keen to celebrate success in children's wider lives and the exciting opportunities they have to experience the world around them. Therefore, we invite children to share their experiences in class on a Friday, this can be brought to life with photos, medals or any other props that suit. Finally, regular reading with your child is known to be the most effective boost to literacy and broader learning so please try to make as many opportunities within the week for this as possible (the libraries near here are great!)

# P4 Newsletter

## September 2017



### Maths

Whole number: Sequences, counting on and off the decade, 4 concepts of numbers, multiplication and division.

Beyond number:

Time, outdoor maths

### Literacy

Interdisciplinary learning activities linked to books we're reading in class.

Letter writing.

Wordboost activities linked to class novels.

Class Novels: *George's Marvellous Medicine*, *Pax*, *Billy Plonka* and *the Grot Laboratory*.

Reading for enjoyment.

Visiting the book bus, library

Spelling words and follow up activities.

Paired and group discussion with presentation skills.

### Health and Wellbeing/IDL

Circle time activities. I trust people who...  
People can trust me because...

Diversity; Working with the elderly. Singing songs about diversity.

Building resilience

Healthy eating. Tasting food.

### RME

Judaism: How do Jewish people express their beliefs in practice? Jews are the followers of the religion. To be able to recognise the Jewish symbol. Understand Passover and Hannukkah are Jewish festivals. Recall the main elements of Moses' story.

### Notices

Indoor shoes are needed for a change after break/lunch and for PE.

Please continue to practise times tables which are required to help with class work.





## What's going on in Primary 5?

Primary 5 have had an amazing start to the session. We have already completed a mini-project on the Edible Garden and been on a few trips out of school. A fantastic team!



### ***Interdisciplinary learning - Diversity Theme.***

As a class we will be exploring diversity issues such as racism, sexism, inequality and injustice. This will provide us with an opportunity to explore our opinions and to discuss the views of our peers.



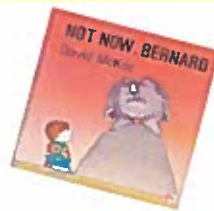
***Literacy: - Our recent trip to the book festival has provided us with the inspiration to write our own poetry. Every week we will be exploring the skills that are needed to equip you to improve your writing.***

***We will also be exploring vocabulary through our Word Boost and dictionary activities.***

***This term we will be developing our reading with individual texts that we select and literacy circles.***

### **Technologies:-**

The children are already using their own ipads across the curriculum. They are taking notes, making books, using an online dictionary and thesaurus. A great asset to their learning.



***Maths: - The children will be exploring number and our beyond number theme this term will be shape and symmetry.***

### ***Things to Remember:***

- A homework grid will be supplied and children can hand in their work when they want it checked or have completed the grid.
- Gym Kit – this term the children will be participating in the daily mild. Our PE lessons are on a Wednesday and Thursday. The children need gym shoes and shorts/joggers every day.
- Healthy Snacks – I am requesting that the children have only one item for their playtime snack and encouraging them to make healthy choices. Your co-operation in ensuring that their snacks are nut free is appreciated. Can you also discourage chewing gum as a snack?

# Primary 6 Class Newsletter

Brunstane Primary School

Welcome to our Primary 6 Class Newsletter which will give you an indication of what we will be learning in class during this term.

In this newsletter, our current class focuses are outlined. There will also be lots of opportunity for learning that spans across several curricular areas, and experiences outside of the school grounds.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics, we have begun the year with a focus on Number Systems and Processes. So far, we have covered Place Value, Multiplication Division and Addition. We will continue to work on these areas to give P6 a solid base for exploring different areas of Mathematics.

## Literacy & Languages

### English

We are reading a wonderful class novel at the moment called 'The Road to Ever After' by the author Moira Young. P6 got to see Moira at the Edinburgh Book Festival and even had the opportunity to ask her some of their own questions. We are using the book to develop our Literacy Circle roles which extend vocabulary, encourage imagination and consolidate summarising skills, along with enhancing talking and listening skills.

In writing we are focusing on letter writing. The class have written a first draft of a letter to Mary Benet Primary, our partnership school in Tanzania

which links to the joint Peace, Literacy and Creativity Project.

We will also work together to improve our spelling this term. Mrs Wright will be introducing new words on a Wednesday and Mr Montgomery will use daily activities such as spelling in the Sumdog app and a Spelling Kings and Queens game to improve spelling each day.

## Health & Wellbeing

Our first unit of work in Health and Wellbeing will be to work on co-operative learning involving lots of team building activities. Introducing a Growth Mindset to P6 will help build resilience and begin to prepare everyone to be lifelong learners.

## Social Studies

We have begun a comparative study between Scotland and Tanzania. We will continue to study Scottish heritage and culture and compare our findings to other countries around the world.

## How Can You Help?

- Look out for the Home Learning grid in school bags soon and encourage the completion of one task per week.
- Ask your child what the weekly Wordboost words are and what they mean.
- Practise times tables with your child.
- Ensure children have P.E. kits

## Keep Up To Date

You can follow @MrMontgomeryBPS on Twitter to find out what we're learning!

Regards,

Mr Montgomery and P6

# Primary 7 Class Newsletter

Brunstane Primary School

Welcome to our Primary 7 Class Newsletter which will give you an indication of what we will be learning in class during this term!

In this newsletter, our current class focuses are outlined. There will also be lots of opportunity for learning that spans across several curricular areas, and experiences outside of the school grounds.

## Mathematics

In Mathematics, we have begun the year with a focus on graphs. In number, we are now focusing on 5 and 6-digit numbers and multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

## Literacy & Languages

### English

We are reading a great class novel at the moment, *Oranges in No Man's Land*, and are learning loads of our reading skills, such as note-taking, quoting and reading into character, through that!

In Writing we are focusing on building up excellent complex sentences, paragraphs and stories. Next up we'll be writing our own class novel, focusing on plot structure!

### French

This term we are learning vocabulary for weather conditions, and will be using this to create, script and film our own weather forecast!

## Health & Wellbeing

Our first unit of work in Health and Wellbeing is the P7 Drug Awareness Programme. We are also running a continued focus on developing growth mindsets!

## Science

We are starting off our learning in Science with an in-depth look into Forces!

## Social Studies

Our unit of work on Democracy is in full swing already! We've been looking into how elections work and how the Scottish Parliament is run. In the coming weeks we'll be sharpening our debating skills.

## How Can You Help?

- When the Home Learning grid is released, encourage the completion of one task per week.
- Ask your child what the weekly Wordboost words are and what they mean.
- Practise times tables with your child.

## Keep Up To Date

You can follow @MrChalmersBPS on Twitter to find out what we're learning!

Best,

Mr Chalmers & Primary 7