

Primary 2B Newsletter: Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first P2B newsletter of the 2018-19 academic session. I am really enjoying getting to know the children and they have made me feel really welcome here at Woodburn. The class have settled well and have made a very positive start to their P2 learning journey. I am looking forward to meeting all of our families soon, however if you have any questions about your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
Sharon Balfour
Class Teacher

Topic

This term our topic is Julia Donaldson stories, which the children have really been enjoying. To date we have looked at 'The Smartest Giant in Town' in detail, and are now moving on to 'Tyrannosaurus Drip'. The children have been encouraged to think about their favourite parts of the stories we have read, and you can support this at home by asking them about this. I am also very keen for the children to bring in stories they love to read at home to share with the class, particularly those by Julia Donaldson.



Literacy

In literacy this term we are working on improving our listening skills. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to explain the rules of good listening that we are working on in class. To date we have covered looking at the person who is talking and sitting still.

In writing we have been creating story maps of the stories we have been reading for our Julia Donaldson topic, and using these to retell the story. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to retell one of the stories we have read in class.

Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy this term we will be consolidating our understanding of numbers up to 20, including counting orally; reading, writing and recognising numbers; and identifying odd and even numbers. We will also begin extending the range of numbers we work with, and will start working with numbers beyond 20. In maths we will be focusing on data handling.



PE/Specialists

Tuesday: Dance with Mrs Smith

Wednesday: PE with Mrs Ingram

Thursday: Art with Mrs Welsh

Please ensure your child has a PE kit, including indoor shoes, on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

Homework

Children will receive spelling homework on Mondays from their reading teacher. This will be due in each Thursday. They will bring their reading book home on day 4 of the Read Write Inc Programme, therefore the day it comes home will vary across the term. The children should also complete an activity from the numeracy grid each week, however these will not be sent home yet.

