



Primary P567 Newsletter: Term 2 2023-2024

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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 2

The clocks have changed, the Halloween costumes are chosen and the Fireworks are ready to explode, it must be the Autumn Term!! Welcome back!

Firstly, I would like to welcome Rachel Reid, a 4th year University Student who will be joining us for 6 weeks this term as part of her teaching journey. Good luck!

This term is already shaping up to be a busy one with the commencement of our latest Mandarin block of lessons, online from Chengdu in China. We have already been exploring basic conversational phrases and now learning numbers up to 99. I am sure I can challenge them by working out my age in Mandarin!!

Our topic work will continue on the subject of "Our Planet," as there so many discoveries yet to be made. During the conclusion of last term the class created their own "wild" gardens, planting and then exploring the benefits of many everyday herbs and how they benefit society today. Our focus now will be to look at endangered animals and the reasons behind their demise. I hope the class enjoy our journey of discovery!

Maths/Numeracy: In order to provide variety and explore the strengths of the Mathematicians in the class, we will have more of a number focus at the start of the week, progressing onto practical activities at the end of the week. This will include addition and subtraction initially, while incorporating information handling and a shape focus as the week continues. I am looking forward to seeing how the class engages with this. Check out the following game: [Totality \(maths.org\)](https://www.maths.org)

Writing: As much as the class enjoy writing an interesting story, we will be looking at a variety of writing genres this term with a different focus each week. We have discussed the importance of perfect punctuation and will be moving onto awesome sentence starters! These will be utilised in a fact file on our endangered animals investigations.

Spelling: I have noticed an increase in the number of positive spelling results, as a result of the hard work that is being done in preparation over the weekend. This is fantastic news and long may it continue. Please remember to upload a piece of work as evidence of the work being completed!

Topic: As previously mentioned our topic work on Our Planet will continue over this term. I am particularly enjoying the way our class has now turned into a rainforest and look forward to exploring the world of endangered animals, which is often a powerful and emotive subject.

Physical Education: As the weather may not be on our side this term, we will perhaps be indoors more often. With this in mind our focus will be on movement, working together in teams and even a chance to get those dancing shoes on in preparation for this Christmas discos!

Languages: As well as our latest block of Mandarin, we will be continuing our French work, comparing the cultures of France to Scotland, through foods, festivals and traditions. Anyone for frogs legs?

<https://sites.google.com/view/northern-alliance-languages-fa/home>

Other Activities: Mrs Johnson will be in class offering a variety of activities from music, handwriting and a wee bit of art!

Have a fantastic term! Mr R