Primary 1b Learning Letter – Term 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing October Break. P1b have settled brilliantly into school life and have made an excellent start to their learning journey. I am incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted to new routines, built friendships, and embraced new learning experiences.

As we begin term 2, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting few months ahead. We will be starting our new topic 'People Who Help Us', where learners will discover the important roles, people play in our community. We are also excited to start learning the songs for our upcoming nativity performance, which I am sure will be a special and memorable occasion.

Miss Peters

English & Literacy

This term, we will be building our confidence in using sounds to read and spell simple CVC words. The children will practise listening for, identifying and joining sounds together, as well as breaking words into individual sounds for spelling. We will also continue to develop correct letter formation and recognise the sounds we have learned.

We will be introducing new common and tricky words through a variety of fun, practical activities, songs and games to support early reading skills.

In reading, we will enjoy a selection of picture books and stories, using them to discuss characters, settings and key events. As part of our IDL learning, we will also explore a range of non-fiction texts and learn how they differ from stories.

In writing, we will continue to develop fine motor skills through drawing and mark-making activities. The children will begin creating their own simple sentences, focusing on using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops correctly.

Maths & Numeracy

This term, we will continue to develop our number knowledge to 20 and beyond through a range of practical and engaging learning experiences. The children will build confidence in recognising, ordering and working with numbers.

A key focus this term will be addition and subtraction. Through games, hands-on activities and written tasks, the children will explore different strategies for solving number problems and applying their skills in a range of contexts.

As part of our IDL learning, we will be sorting and grouping objects using different criteria and develop our understanding of how items can be organised. We will also begin learning about money by recognising coins and exploring how money is used in everyday life.

In Maths with Mrs Redmond, the children will learn about 2D and 3D shapes, exploring their properties and identifying them in the world around them.

'People Who Help Us'

This term, our topic is People Who Help Us. Through a range of fun and engaging activities, we will learn about the important people who help us every day, both in school and in the wider community.

The children will learn about the different roles people have and how they support us, keep us safe and help us when we need them. We will also explore the work of the emergency services and find out how they help in different situations.

We are looking forward to helping the children develop a greater understanding of the people around them and the important jobs they do in our community.

Key Information

PE days: Monday & Thursday – Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. We may also make use of the outdoors areas during PE lessons and other learning activities. So, it is important that children have suitable clothing for the weather each day (e.g. jackets, wellington boots, sunscreen etc).

Snacks - Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break. It is helpful if these are packed separately from lunch items. Please remember we are a nut free school, so avoid sending any products containing nuts.

Water Bottles - Please send a filled water bottle to school with your child every day.

Additional Information – Please make sure that all your child's belonging and items of clothing are clearly labelled with their name.

Important Dates

- Literacy Pop In (book bug) – Thursday 26th November
- Nativity – Wednesday 2nd December (afternoon and evening performances)
- Whole School Church Service – Friday 18th December