



This is the Primary 1/2 newsletter for January - April 2017. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. We hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



### **Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing**

This term Primary 1 will be starting Block 2 of Literacy Rich, which begins to look at digraph sounds (sounds made up of two letters, such as ch, sh, ay, ee) and will learn more of the tricky words. Primary 2 will be moving onto Block 5, which has a focus on the rules soft c and soft g, found in words such as dance and badge. They will also be continuing to learn how to read and write tricky words. Both Primary 1 and 2 are practising their cursive handwriting daily and consolidate their learning through active learning games. Both Primary 1 and 2 continue to develop their reading skills.

### **Maths and Numeracy**

In maths we will be learning about time. In Primary 1 we will be learning about day and night, days of the week and months of the year. P2 will also be learning that there are 60 minutes in an hour and will begin to be able to tell o'clock times on a clock face.

In numeracy, we will continue to follow the SEAL progressions, exploring numbers, counting forwards and backwards, adding and grouping, number bonds to 10, addition, sequencing and ordering. There are always opportunities to help your child count in everyday circumstances.

### **Other Curricular Areas**

Our topic this term is The Alien Who Crash Landed. After the holidays an alien crash landed in our classroom! The alien has been asking us all about our planet, it wants us to teach it about recycling, people & families, jobs, toys from the past. It has been teaching us all about space. In French, we will be learning numbers and feelings. Primary 1 children will be introduced to the vocabulary and primary 2 children will be extending their French vocabulary from last year.

### **Health & Wellbeing**

In PE, we are focusing on Scottish country dancing. The children are moving in counts of eight. Please remember your child needs a PE kit to participate comfortably. PE is on Wednesdays. We also do yoga and it would be appreciated if your child wore shoes they could put on independently on Fridays.

Our HWB topic focuses on being resilient. We are looking at the skills and tools needed to help us navigate through the river of life.

### **Home Learning**

Please continue to refer to your child's yellow jotter for homework. As before, every week your child will receive a new page in the yellow jotter which includes new sounds, words and tricky words we have been learning that week. You will also continue receive the sounds and tricky words on card, which will be in the clear packet. As before please use these to build and segment words with your child. Please encourage your child to form letters in the cursive font. In the back of the yellow jotter will be the SEAL homework grid. Your child should be aiming to complete 1-3 bricks a week. Your child will usually receive a new reading book each Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child brings their blue homework bag to school everyday.

**Ethos & Wider Life of the School** At Victoria Primary we are very proud of the many ways that we help other people, develop awareness of our world and learn to be responsible citizens. This term we are excited about: loose play with our p7 buddies, trying different Golden Time activities, a Generation Science workshop, trips and outings. If any parents or carers have any skills or experiences related to our topics or think you could help with our learning in some way, please contact us.