

Upcoming Dates

Monday 25 th January	Burns Night
Tuesday 28 th January	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Consultations
Monday 10 th February- Friday 14 th	Mid-term holiday
Monday 2 nd March	Shared Learning
Monday 6 th April	Easter Break Begins

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed-out on a Monday and should be returned each Friday.

The homework tasks allow for flexibility in how your child practices their sounds, tricky words and number skills. If you have any questions about how to use the flashcards, then please just ask.

We will be visiting the school library on a Tuesday. Please ensure that books are returned each week so that your child can continue to make use of the library.

Topic

In topic, P2R have explored the religions of Christianity and Buddhism. The children contributed to discussions on religious stories and listened to the ideas and beliefs of others. We explored religious artefacts and made advent candles in the lead up to Christmas. Our next topic is The Sun, Moon and Stars. This week the children have shared their knowledge about space and we have identified things that we would like to find out. So far, we have made chalk drawings of the solar system and have learned some fun facts about the planets.

Twitter

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@woodburnps to keep in touch and share in our learning journey.

Ways you can support:

- Encouraging your child to line up independently.
- Ensuring that only water is in water bottles.
- Practice getting themselves organised for school at the beginning and end of the day – packing/unpacking school bag, jumpers, coats, lunch boxes, letters etc.
- **Now we are into the chilly winter months, please ensure your child comes to school wearing a coat every day.**

Top Tips to support learning:

- Counting forwards and backwards as high as you can, starting from any number.
- Looking for words in the environment and encouraging your child to sound out tricky words independently.
- Encouraging imaginative play.
- Encouraging your child to read for enjoyment or reading a story to them.

P2R Term 3 Newsletter

Dear all parents and carers, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. I am excited to continue to be a part of your child's learning journey in 2020. We have started the term by thinking about our New Year goals and we continue as a class to work hard to make our learning environment one that fosters happy and successful individuals. In the classroom, we continue to reinforce the school values of being ready to learn, sharing, the importance of friendships and building resilience. I look forward to seeing you all at the parent consultations. Wishing you all the best for 2020. Miss Reeves

Class Charter



In P2R our class charter is based on the United Nations Rights of the Child. This underpins our 'Ready to Learn' policy in school where we have agreed to:

-Be Safe -Be Kind -Work Hard

Miss Reeves will ensure that we have:

- The right to a good quality education (Article 28).
- The right to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people (Article 29).
- The right to play and rest (Article 31).
- The right to be protected from harm (Article 19).

Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we have been working with numbers up to 100, counting forwards and backwards, in twos, and counting the number of jumps from one number to another number. We have been using our number lines and hundred squares to help us. We have also been using the mathematical language of 'greater than' and 'less than'. We have been using a variety of numeracy games, teacher-led activities and pencil tasks to improve in our addition and subtraction skills. We have been enjoying problem solving warm-ups. In multiplication and division, we have explored equal sharing and arrays.

Within maths, we are continuing to tell the time and learn about seasons, timetables and calendars. Our next topic is measure in which we will look at length, weight and volume.

P.E.

P.E. days this term are a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a change of shoes, t-shirt (no football colours please) and shorts, all labelled.

Specialist Teachers

This term we will have:

- Music on Mondays with Miss McInroy.
- P.E. on Thursdays with Mrs Power.
- Art on Wednesdays with Miss Welsh.

Literacy and English

The children continue to work in their literacy teams and have been enjoying learning new sounds and tricky words. We have been using these sounds to build and blend words and try to identify our sound-words in fiction and non-fiction texts. Within reading, we have been discussing the characters, setting and plots of our books. We have been asking and answering questions about the texts to show our understanding and we have been completing a variety of activities to share what we know about the stories.

Within writing, P2R have enjoyed our Talk for Writing story 'The Rainbow Princess'. The children made story-maps, used adjectives to describe the characters and wrote imaginative pieces using their own characters. The children were excited to be involved in class drama linked to 'The Rainbow Princess' story. Our Christmas-themed reinvention of the story made for a fun-filled last week of term. Our focus story this term is 'How to catch a star' by Oliver Jeffers. This links well to our new topic and we will be focusing on functional letter writing.