



Knightsridge Primary School

Primary 3a Newsletter – Term 2



News

Welcome to our term 2 newsletter for Primary 3a! We have had a busy and successful start to our term and have been celebrating achievements for those who, most notably, have demonstrated our school values of **Kindness, Perseverance and Success**. We are enjoying our new online assemblies where we can continue to share our successes with the whole school. This term we have welcomed a new teacher, Mrs Donald, who will be working with us on a Wednesday teaching Maths and R.M.E. We have started our book study of 'The Lorax' by Dr. Seuss and together have planned activities around the story to help us learn more about caring for the environment and about rhythm and rhyme. We have created artwork based on the story, used our knowledge of description and persuasion when writing and we are looking forward to learning how to create our own 'Thneed'. We are looking forward to hearing new stories during Scottish Book Week and taking part in some more book week activities.



What You Need & When...

Bring a bottle of water to school with you every day – this will return home every day to be re-filled.

As we will be continuing with more outdoor learning in Term 2, please remember to bring a jacket and warmer clothing to school.

We will have outdoor learning on a Monday and our P.E day this term will be on a Thursday.



Home Help

Home learning grids will be posted on SeeSaw every month. Home learning can then be uploaded to SeeSaw for Mrs Williams to see. If you need any help or have questions please get in touch!

Please continue to read at home when you can. WordBoost QR codes will be sent out regularly so you can share the stories together.

Children can log in to Sumdog at home to practice their numeracy skills. Please talk about number when taking part in daily activities such as cooking and shopping.

Our Learning Summary

Literacy

We have been learning about persuasive writing, giving our opinion and reasons. We are using our learning to persuade others about the importance of reading and we have made links to The Lorax and to topical events such as bonfire night. We are developing questioning strategies to understand and think about what we are reading by learning to answer questions and ask our own. We have continued to learn to read and write our Fry's Words and we are still making good progress.

Next term we will be looking at procedure and report writing and clarifying to help us make better sense of what we read. We will continue to learn Fry's Words to help us read.

Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we have continued to develop addition and subtraction strategies. We are learning about doubles and near doubles, starting at a number and counting on and making tens when adding. We have been using place value to help us to add higher numbers together. We have begun learning about fact families for addition and subtraction and we are continuing to practice our skip counting, which will help us with times tables. In Maths we are developing skills in data handling and have been learning to use tally marks and pictograms. We will also be learning all about 2D shapes and 3D objects as part of shape week in December.

Next term we will be learning times tables and division.

This term we have continued to learn about our emotions. We have learned what can trigger certain feelings and about different strategies we can use to help us feel better. During Diversity Week we discussed what makes us different and unique and wrote acrostic poems about 'Diversity'. We spoke about how to keep safe on Bonfire Night and we will be learning about Road Safety later in the term. We have built on our previous learning about kindness by learning how to show kindness to others, and why this is important in our friendships and relationships.

Term 2: Important Dates

November

- ✓ 13th – Children in Need
- ✓ 16th – 20th Anti-Bullying Week
- ✓ 16th – 20th Scottish Book Week
- ✓ 23rd – 27th Road Safety Week

December

- ✓ 30th November – 11th December – Shape Week
- ✓ 10th Christmas Lunch
- ✓ 11th Christmas Jumper Day
- ✓ 15th Christmas Party
- ✓ 18th Last Day of Term.

Communication

If you need to contact Mrs Williams or another member of staff please call the school office on 01506 432012 or email the school at

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Please check the school blog <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/KPSBlog/> and the website <https://knightsridge.westlothian.org.uk/> for updates on what is happening in school.