

# Term 1 Parent Newsletter Primary 1

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Welcome to Primary 1 at Calside!

We would like to start by saying how well the boys and girls have settled in.

They have been amazing!

In Calside, we follow a play-based approach to learning so if your child has come home and said they are 'playing' all day, please do not be alarmed! It allows us to give the children more focused attention and it helps to develop their social and emotional skills too. We hope to be outside as much as possible so we would suggest bringing in a pair of wellies/overalls as our playground can get quite muddy. We will also be taking part in the Daily Mile so please make sure they have appropriate clothing.

Every child has been given a team house at Calside and they can earn points through working hard and good behaviour. The houses are called Telford (*blue*), MacMillan (*green*), MacAdam (*yellow*) and Duncan (*red*).

Can we also remind you to label all clothing/personal items. We will be using SWAY as a platform to share photographs, homework and any important information. Please scan the QR code at the top of the page or in the Mail-drop.

## Phonics

Phonics sounds will be taught very quickly and we will be doing various activities to practise these sounds. We will also learn how to form the letters correctly and it would be very useful if you could also encourage the correct formation at home. The phonics sounds we cover in class will be included as part of the homework the following week.

## Reading

Our focus this term is to introduce the children to the sounds and to develop their phonological awareness. We will look at rhyme, alliteration and syllables.

As all children learn at a different pace, books will be issued accordingly. We have a variety of texts, which we use to cater for each child so please do not be alarmed if your child is reading a different scheme.

## Maths and Numeracy

We will be learning about numbers, how to form them correctly, order numbers and count objects. We will also be experimenting with some pattern and 2D shape.

## ICT

When we receive our login details from the Authority, we will be learning to log on to the computer independently and navigate onto 3D Paint to draw a picture. We will also learn how to use a mouse and switch off the computer safely.

## Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help throughout the school. This could be to help with Reading Groups, Gardening or any other skills you may have. If this is something you are interested in, please get in touch, Thank you!

## Homework

The school homework policy is to make homework as active and engaging as possible for children. The children will be sent home 2 sounds a week and keywords will follow as they progress. Homework bags will be issued on a Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday.

## Topic

We are going to concentrate on a 'Yearly Calendar of Events.' This will enable our learning to relate to current events and give us more opportunities to base the learning around the children's interests. We will post a copy of this calendar on the class SWAY.

## Health and Wellbeing

This term we will be creating our own class charter. This will help create a positive learning environment for the children both within the class and across the whole school. By creating a Class charter this helps the children understand and apply the UN Rights of the Child and helps create a positive ethos within Calside. The Children will explore and understand their own responsibility for their rights and also the rights of others. This will help build and create relationships, participation, wellbeing and self-esteem. Our class charter will make sure our class is a happy, supportive and safe place to learn! We will also be introducing the children to meta-skills. More information on this will follow.

P.E. will be on a **Thursday** with Mr McIlorum and **Friday** with Mrs Irvine-McLean. Please come dressed for the weather and ensure your child is not wearing jewellery on those days. This term the class will be developing their football and games skills.