

# What will we be learning this term?

Welcome to P1/2, we have had a fantastic start to Term 1, learning about our rights in our new class. Our main focus for the beginning of term will be getting settled into school life and learning all the routines of the day.

## Literacy

P1 - Taking turns when listening and talking \*Pencil and scissor control  
\*Identifying rhyming words and trying to think of our own rhyming words. \*Listening to sounds and thinking about where we hear those sounds in words. \*Letter formation  
\*Writing and drawing for fun during play \* Following instructions \*  
Retelling stories.

P2 – Handwriting and using punctuation in writing \* Using descriptive language \* Phonic sounds\* Spelling tricky words \*Asking questions and listening to others \*  
Comprehension of texts \* Pupils may revisit and revise previous learning this term to support their progression to first level.

## Technologies

\*Mouse control \*Kidizoom camera  
\*Playing games to support our learning in other areas of the curriculum \* Online safety \* Finding technology in our school \* Following instructions and directions.

## Numeracy

P1 - Identifying and recognising numbers \*Counting groups of objects carefully \* Ordering numbers \*  
Forwards and backwards number sequences \*Shape and pattern \*  
Amount vocabulary \* Estimating and checking our estimates \* Seeing amounts without counting.

P2- Numbers to 100 \* Sequencing numbers \* Estimating and checking our estimates \* Odd and even numbers\* Number Patterns \* Shape and pattern \*Pupils may revisit and revise previous learning this term to support their progression to first level.

**Expressive Arts** \*Art – mixing colours \* using different materials \*  
Using visual elements to show mood  
\*Music – singing songs to develop memory, rhythm and rhyme \* Dance – Counting beats \* Copying movements \* Working in a safe pace.

## Health and Wellbeing

\*Expressing our opinions and respecting the opinions of others \* Manners and respect  
\* Building relationships \*  
Sharing and fairness \*  
Understanding risks and how to stay safe \* Children's Rights  
\* My place in the school community \* Different types of families \* My next steps and achievements.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

Our IDL topics this term will be the body and common illnesses. We will be researching the position and function of the skeleton and organs. We will compare inherited characteristics and report on our findings using labelling, listing and discussions. When learning about common illnesses, we will conduct experiments in class and research through digital technologies.

## Meta Skills

Along with the rest of our school community, we are learning about Meta Skills and how they will help us to learn, develop and succeed. In P1/2 we have a weekly skill which we discuss and use in our play and learning.

Our term 1 Meta Skills focus – Collaboration \*  
Communication \* Focus \* Feeling \* Creativity



We are looking forward to learning together as a class however areas covered may vary subject to children's needs, abilities and progression. P1 pupils will continue their journey at Early Level, moving on from nursery. P2 pupils will be supported to progress to the exciting challenges of First Level. We always see your child as an amazing individual and encourage them to celebrate their achievements.

### Snack and water bottles

**Snack** – children are asked to bring a small snack each day to eat before playtime. As a school we are encouraging children to bring healthy snacks as often as they can. These can include fresh fruit, raw vegetables and natural yogurt. Please do not send any nuts or nut products to school. The children only have 10 minutes to eat their snack so please send something small (ideally 1 item). It would be great if this snack could be managed independently by your child. Your child may bring a juice carton to have at snack time

**Water bottles** – please send your child to school with a filled water bottle. This bottle should not contain juice.

### PE

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. On PE days your child can come to school wearing their trainers. The children will remain in their kits for the whole day.

### Working in Partnership

We are excited to start homework in term 1. Please look out for more information in your child's bag in the coming weeks. If you require support or have a question, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Copeland can be contacted at  
[gw19hewbycopelandlau@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw19hewbycopelandlau@glow.sch.uk)

Remember to visit our school blog to see what we have been learning -  
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/dg/heathhallschool/>

If your child is going to be absent from school or has an appointment during school hours, then please contact the school office directly.

### Hands On!

As part of our multi-sensory literacy and numeracy programmes the children will have the opportunity to handle and explore a variety of different textures. This may include flour, paint, pastels, washing up liquid, shaving foam, cereals and sand. If your child is prone to eczema or skin irritations brought on by any of the above or similar products then please let us know.

*Mrs Copeland & P1/2*

### Open afternoon!

Come along to see our learning environment and take part in a fun activity!

1.45-2.15pm

17<sup>th</sup> September 2024



### Medication

If at any point your child needs medication during the school day please request a medical form from the school office which needs to be completed and returned. Medication cannot be administered without a completed form and cannot be kept in your child's bag.

### Lunches

Lunch orders need to be placed online each week. If your child is having a packed lunch, please indicate this to the kitchen staff using the same forms.

Please inform us of any allergies or intolerances.

### Clothing

Please ensure that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled. This includes shoes.

Please send in spare pants, socks and leggings/joggers in a labelled bag. This will be kept in school on your child's peg.

Children will require a waterproof jacket every day. Rain does not stop play at Heathhall and pupils will be outside in drizzle and light showers.

Comments from P1/2 in Term 1

"I made lots of new friends"

"Our classroom is fun"

"I like seeing my buddies at lunchtime"

"I like the writing table"

"We have cool construction toys"