



We hope that everyone has enjoyed their first few weeks in P1 and the children are enjoying coming to school. This newsletter will give you more information about what we are learning across the curriculum. We thank you for your continued support.

Language & Literacy

We have been focusing on Phonological Awareness activities and will carry these on throughout the term. We will begin to learn our sounds and common words through the Active Literacy Programme. We will be learning to blend sounds together to help us read and to break words up to help us write.

Each week we will continue to write for a variety of purposes, linked to our topic and time of year; e.g. Autumn.



Numeracy & Mathematics

- We are learning rhymes to help us form our numbers. We will send a copy of these rhymes home if you would like to practise these.
- We will continue to develop our numbers to 10 and beyond.
- Shape work will be taught through the term focusing on 2D and 3D shapes.
- Number Talks is a big part of our daily Numeracy, which builds on our number strategies. You might hear your child talk about Rekenreks (a counting frame, similar to an abacus. It has ten beads on each row, five white and five red which supports the development of number sense), dot patterns or ten frames.



Health & Wellbeing

P.E.- We will have two periods of P.E. each week. A message went out on the school app to let you know which days each Primary 1 class has P.E.

P1MB Tuesday/Thursday

P1D Tuesday/Wednesday

Please note that jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Health - Through the use of Barnardo's PATHS programme of work, pupils will explore and develop their understanding of their emotions, fairness and respect. On certain days there will be a PATHS pupil of the day who will receive compliments from everyone in the class. They will bring home a compliment slip to discuss and you can add your own compliments to it.

Contexts for Learning

Our context for learning this term will be 'People who help us.' We would welcome any visitors to talk to the children from caring, health or wellbeing roles. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help.



Homework

Homework will start after the September weekend. It will include short tasks related to the sounds they are learning in class. At some point they will also bring a reading book home. In Numeracy we will provide links to useful websites and a password for 'Sumdog' and Education City where the children can complete numeracy activities at their own level.

Additional Information

Please can you ensure that names are on all pieces of clothing and items that they bring into school. Please could you provide the children with their gym kit (shorts, gym shoes) in a bag which they will keep in class. We will send them home on holidays for washing. It would also be helpful if the children wear polo shirts on P.E. days. On a Monday afternoon we will spend time in our outdoor classroom. We will provide waterproofs, however, if you want to provide your own this can be brought on a Monday. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear and clothing that can get muddy.