



Welcome to Primary 1!

We have enjoyed welcoming your children into Primary 1 and they are settling in wonderfully. Teachers that will be working in our classroom along with Mr Johnston and Mrs Dickson include Mrs Waters, Mrs Livingstone and Mrs Wheatley.

This week we have become familiar with the school building and learning our school routines. We have been exploring phonological awareness and you can help at home by singing songs and rhymes, playing games like 'I spy' (using sounds rather than letter names) or clapping out the beats and syllables in songs, poems and rhymes.

We will continue to develop our phonological awareness over the next few weeks before starting to introduce our phonics programme. We will also be investigating number, shape and patterns through play.

Physical Education: Monday, Wednesday and Friday are our PE days. Usually we will have two indoor and one outdoor sessions each week but we will be flexible with the weather. For indoor PE your child will need gym shoes at first and then we will introduce changing into PE kit (shorts and t-shirt) as they become familiar with the routine.

Outdoor Learning: This provides a real life context for learning and we will be using the facilities in our playground frequently. To help with this please make sure your child has suitable clothing/footwear including a waterproof jacket.

Lunches, Snack and Water Bottles: Snacks for break should be kept in your child's school bag. Water bottles (with water only) are put into the baskets at the sinks each day and children can refill them using the water fountain if needed. Lunch boxes should be placed on the tables outside P1 at the start of each day.

Donations: We are looking for some donations of natural or recyclable materials such as:

- Plastic bottle caps
- Smooth pebbles or pine cones
- Small cardboard packaging (egg cartons, boxes or tubes)
- Buttons, ribbons or scrap material

We love using lots of different materials in our creative play. Any contributions can be brought to school in your child's bag and are greatly appreciated.