




COMMERCIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Term 1
 Class Newsletter for Primary 1



Welcome to the first newsletter of this session. Please see below our planned learning for this term. Many thanks for your continued support. Miss Grierson & Miss Stewart 😊

Literacy

Reading

This term we will be sharing a range of stories about dinosaurs and stories related to the sounds we are learning. We will use these books as our context for all of our literacy learning. This Workshop for Literacy approach will help us with our comprehension and reading skills.

We will be learning our sounds using the Jolly Phonics songs and actions. Some of us will begin blending these sounds to make short CVC words, e.g. cat, dog, rug. When we are confident doing this, we will get a reading book home.

Writing

We are learning to form all of our lowercase letters correctly and we will use a range of materials to do this such as sand, play dough pens etc. We are all learning to form the letters in our names correctly. We are using rhymes to remember how to form our letters by Read Write Inc.

Some of us will begin to use our sound knowledge to sound out words. Our pictures also tell a story so we will do lots of drawing.

Listening and Talking

We are learning to listen to our teacher and to each other. We must remember to put our hand up when we would like to talk and we are practising taking turns. We are practising sharing information and listening to others during Circle Time.

Numeracy and Maths

Numeracy

We will all be learning about numbers and how to form these properly. We will be using rhymes to remember how to form our numbers correctly from Communication4all.

We will be learning to recognise, count and sequence numbers. We will be able to count out objects. We will work hard to match the number to the correct amount. Some of us will be using a different range of numbers depending on what we already know.

We will all use Numicon to help us with our number work. This helps us to visualise number patterns in our heads. We will work on matching numbers to the correct piece of Numicon.

Maths

We will be learning about 2D and 3D shape. We will learn to recognise the shapes and learn their properties. We will also learn about lines of symmetry and we will make colour and shape patterns.

Health and Wellbeing

We will be learning to use our Cool in School strategies to make good choices in school and in the playground. We will also learn how to be a good friend and maintain positive relationships. We have created class charters to show how we will respect each other's right to play and learn. We will use the Colour Monster story to help us gain a better understanding of our own feelings and the feeling of others.

ICT

Through our play we will be learning to access games to support our learning in Literacy and Numeracy.

Play

We highly value learning through play in Primary 1 and the children will experience a range of play opportunities both indoors, as well as outside. These opportunities will enhance learning across the curriculum. The children will also be learning about the skills they need to enter the workforce. We will learn about a different skill each week and discuss how we are using that skill as we play.

PE

We will be developing our listening skills to follow rules of different games. We will also be working on ensuring that we are travelling safely around the gym hall. We will also be developing our organisation and responsibility skills by getting ourselves ready for gym.

Expressive Arts

In Music we will be singing lots of songs and following lots of rhymes. We will also sing the jolly phonics songs to help remember the sounds.

In Art we will be exploring with a range of materials to create pieces of art work linked to our workshop for literacy book of the week. We will also be practising our cutting skills.

How can parents/families help?

- Helping us with our homework and sharing stories with us.
- Letting us know when we have a note in our bag so we can tell the teacher.
- Supporting us to write our own names with a capital letter at the start and the rest of the letters lower case.
- Making sure our names are on all of our belongings including PE kits and jackets.**
- Helping us learn how to do our own buttons and zips.
- Ensuring we have our gym kit in school or with us on a Tuesday.
- Making sure we bring waterproof jackets with hoods and wellies every Thursday as we will be outdoors every week regardless of the weather.**

Other news from our class:

- On a Wednesday morning, Miss Berry will be in Room 1 for Miss Grierson's NCCT time.
- On a Monday afternoon, Miss Berry will be in Room 2 for Miss Stewart's NCCT time.
- On a Friday, Mrs Burns will be teaching in Room 1.
- Date for the diary: Tuesday 26th September, 9:10am - 9:40am - this is an opportunity to come into your child's class and to gain an insight into their learning. (dates for this differ for each year group)

Optional Activities

Here are some websites for you to access should you choose:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/phonics/balloon-phonics-cvc-game>