Primary 1a September 2023 Newsletter

Our children have settled so well into Primary 1. Here is a general overview of the term's projected learning.

P.E.

This term we will focus on **core skills.** Through a variety of games and activities we will develop skills in listening, travelling, throwing and catching.

Please dress your child in a navy polo shirt and shorts/leggings/joggers. Children can come to school in their P.E. kit.

Our P.E. days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Numeracy and Maths

We will consolidate our number knowledge through putting numbers in a sequence (forwards/backwards), finding numbers before and after and correctly forming digits.

In maths we are working on pattern and time – days of the week, months of the year, seasons and daily routines.

French/R.M.E.

Mrs Draffen will teach French and R.ME. on a Monday. Children will be introduced to French colours, numbers and greetings through songs and games.

Topic

We will be taking a closer look at our surroundings and environment through the context of weather.

This will involve making predictions, observations and recording the different weather patterns in the local area.

We will also create a Class Charter and discuss the importance of this. We will show that we are responsible citizens in our new learning environment by taking on different roles and responsibilities.

Health and Wellbeing

We are developing our Mental and Emotional Health by exploring a range of emotions and coping strategies. We are also learning about The Nurturing Principles.

Literacy

Phonics – We will introduce initial sounds and begin to blend these together to make simple CVC words.

Reading – We share stories on a daily basis highlighting the author, illustrator, title and blurb.

Writing – Through our Foundations of Writing lessons children will draw and describe an event or subject in detail.

Talking and Listening – We are taking turns to share ideas and are listening carefully to the ideas of our friends.

Expressive Arts

Music - We will be learning songs/rhymes with a literacy and numeracy focus. We will also be working with a music specialist every second Wednesday.

Art and Design – We will begin focus studies on a variety of artists, using different mediums to explore their style and technique. Our first will be Mark Rothko.

Drama – We will be using the role play area during free play and re-enacting a variety of stories.