



St. Francis Primary School



P.1a Newsletter – November/December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to P.1a's Newsletter. We are now very much part of the family of St. Francis Primary School! I hope this gives you an idea of what P.1 will be learning about this term and would be grateful if you would talk to your child about their learning to help them reinforce the work we are doing in class.

Please remember to get in touch if you have any questions.

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Literacy

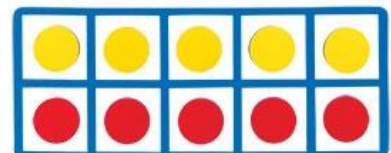
- Primary 1 will continue learning to recognise single sounds using a selection of Active Literacy strategies. Children are also learning to form letters correctly using a variety of materials, e.g. whiteboards, paint, playdoh etc.
- As the children write at home, please encourage them to practise forming letters accurately and to hold their pencils correctly. **NIP-FLIP-GRIP**
- Children will be encouraged to **say, make/break, blend, read** and **write** CVC words, e.g. *sit, can, pad* etc. using magnetic letters.
- Each week children will also learn to read and write common words to help us with our story writing.
- Primary 1 will be reading a variety of books to develop their understanding of printed text. Children will be encouraged to discuss the story and the pictures and predict what might happen next.
- They will also be developing their talking and listening skills by taking part in class discussions.



Numeracy

Primary 1 will be learning to:

- read and write numbers to 20.
- count on and backwards to 20.
- count on and back from any given number.
- explain their mental strategies.
- count 2 groups of objects accurately.
- measure



Please look for opportunities to practise these skills in everyday life.

Interdisciplinary Learning - Scotland



This term Primary 1 will be learning about Scotland

We will be using and developing skills from a variety of subjects such as Literacy, ICT, Social Subjects, Art & Design and Music etc.

The children will be involved in the following activities:

- Learning about St Andrew and celebrating his feast day.
- Learning some Scottish songs
- Finding out about Scottish traditions
- Creating Scottish themed art work
- Scottish books and related activities



Children will also have a go at some Scottish country dancing. This will be very interesting!

Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes so they can make healthy choices in life. We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Monday & Thursday**.

During this term the children will be learning about;

- *My family*
- *Bullying*
- *Rights & responsibilities*
- *Stranger Danger- Hallowe'en*
- *Fire safety - Bonfire night*
- *Relationships/ family*



R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P.1 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

The focus for this term will be; Bible stories - The Christmas Story

November - Holy Souls, St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Andrew.

Prayers - Sign of the Cross, Our Father & Hail Mary.

Primary 1 will journey through Advent as they prepare for the birth of Jesus - The Nativity.

The children will participate in celebrating mass and will learn mass responses.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings.

We will be learning simple new hymns.

