



Rothiemay Primary School

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P1~4 Class Newsletter Term 1 2026/2027



Welcome back after the summer holidays. It's wonderful to have welcomed the new primary ones, who are settling well into their new routines.



Literacy

Listening and Talking

This term, the children will have plenty of opportunities to develop their listening and talking skills through our "Show and Tell" sessions. Children are welcome to bring something special from home to share with the class. This could be an achievement certificate they are proud of, a photograph or picture of a much-loved pet, or something they have created or built at home. We look forward to hearing the children share their experiences, ideas and interests with their classmates!



Writing

At the start of the term, our youngest learners will be focusing on developing their pencil control skills in preparation for writing their phonic sounds. They will also be developing their ability to share their feelings and experiences through pictures, with an adult supporting them to record their ideas in words. The rest of our pupils will be taking part in a block of CYPIC writing, focusing on the essential tools for writing. They will be working on using punctuation consistently and accurately, while also developing their sentences by using conjunctions and a range of sentence starters.



Reading

Small group reading sessions take place twice a week and are supported by an adult. Some learners are focussing on decoding and reading with fluency while others will also look at adding expression and use reciprocal reading skills and comprehension tasks to check understanding of the texts.

Spelling

Spelling activities take place daily throughout the week. Some learners will be learning to recognise beginning sounds in words, segment words and recognise rhyming patterns in words. The others have their weekly spelling pattern and activities that support them to learn and build their vocabulary. Spelling shed activities are also used to support this learning.



Numeracy

This term we will be covering number order and place value, number processes, estimation and rounding and data analysis. On a Friday, the class will be focusing on time.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, we will be learning all about friends and friendships, exploring the importance of kindness, empathy and caring for others. We will talk about how we can be good friends by listening to one another, understanding different feelings and showing respect through our words and actions. We will also celebrate similarities and differences, recognising that while we may have things in common, each of us is wonderfully unique. Through our learning, the children will develop a deeper understanding of what makes everyone special and why it is so important to respect, value and include others.

IDL – Our Place

This term, our IDL focus is Our Place. Children will explore the local area around our school, taking a closer look at the Rothiemay Bridge, the River Deveron and our surrounding woodland. Through outdoor learning and investigation, they will develop their skills in observing, asking questions, gathering information and sharing what they discover. We will explore how these features have shaped our local area and why they are important to our community, while developing an appreciation and understanding of the place where we live and learn.

PE

This term, children will develop their teamwork, coordination, balance and movement skills through team-building activities, yoga, rugby and a range of games. We will also focus on moving safely and responsibly in the hall, following rules and developing confidence when working and playing with others.



Please support your child to ensure they have a T-shirt, shorts and trainers to change into, thanks.



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