

The Explorers Term 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Explorers have settled in very well to their new session at Elderbank. They have enjoyed experiencing new routines and have been engaging with them well. They are enjoying their tray based tasks and focused literacy and numeracy tasks, incorporating their targets. They have taken it in their stride visiting a new playground for lunch time and also sitting in the lunch hall to eat. Well done Explorers, and we cannot wait to see where Term 2 takes us!

Mrs Ross and Mrs Marturano

Health and Wellbeing

In term 1, we have been engaging with our daily emotion check-in's to practise recognising how we are feeling and explaining why through discussion. We will also be focusing on making transitions between a variety of places in and outside of school, this will give us the opportunity to talk about being a good friend, personal space and building relationships. This learning opportunity will lead us into discussion about relationships, taking turns and working as a team. This links in with their weekly P.E. sessions, where we will be playing team games and focusing on working together. In addition to their daily visits to the MUGA at break and lunch, they will be engaging in Outdoor Learning in our Outdoor Classroom, where they will be taking their Literacy and Numeracy outside.



Mathematics and Numeracy



The Explorers will be engaging in a variety of maths topics this term. Some will be recognising numbers to 20, 50 and beyond 100 and looking at the place value of these numbers. They will be experimenting with length, using both non-standard units of measurement, with others exploring standard units of centimetres and metres. Some of the learners will be focusing on addition and subtraction of 1, 2 and 3 digit numbers. All will enjoy learning the value of money this term through our class bank. They will be recognising coins and notes, creating their own price list of favoured activities in the class. They will then be able to save and exchange their own money to purchase one of these favoured activities.

Literacy/Communication

The Explorers have enjoyed visiting the school library and we will continue to do this, encouraging learners to choose a variety of genres at a suitable level. Some learners will be using their reading strategies to sound out and blend words together to read their books and others will be decoding unfamiliar tricky words. We will be practising our listening and reading skills by predicting, visualising and discussing what has been read or listened to, to show understanding. Some learners will be practising sentence structure and focusing on their punctuation and others will be building cvc and CCVC words and writing these.



Diary

Our P.E. days are on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. We have Outdoor Learning on a Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday and Thursday. They are welcome to bring in a change of clothes or shoes if they wish. The Explorers also attend the Supported Learning assembly with another two classes on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will be sharing their interests with each other on a Friday afternoon through show and tell. On a Friday afternoon, they will have the opportunity to engage in cooking tasks and learning about safety in the kitchen. We will continue to use Seesaw as our key communication platform and we encourage you to share anything that the children are participating in at home with us too. Please do not hesitate to get in touch through Seesaw or by phone if there is anything we can help with.