

## The Explorers Term 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Explorers have settled in very well to their new school year at Elderbank. The children have enjoyed experiencing new routines and have been engaging with them well. They are enjoying their trays tasks and focused literacy and numeracy tasks, incorporating their targets. The children are also enjoying mixing with The Adventurers and The Pioneers at playtime and lunchtime. Well done Explorers, we cannot wait to see where this year takes us!

### Health and Wellbeing

In term 1, we have been talking about our emotions and feelings each day during our morning check in. We are practicing explaining how we are feeling through discussion. We will also be focusing on making transitions between a variety of places in and outside of school, which will give us the opportunity to talk about being a good friend, personal space and building relationships. During our P.E. sessions we will be playing team games and focusing on working together and building relationships with our new friends. In addition to their daily visits to the MUGA at break and lunch, the children will be involved in Outdoor Learning where we will be using literacy and numeracy in our Outdoor Classroom.



### 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. The children will be exploring measure with a focus 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.

### Literacy/Communication

This term, The Explorers will be focussing on writing their news each week. Some will be using colourful semantics to help them construct sentences. The children 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 children 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. The children will be practising listening and reading skills by predicting, visualising and discussing what has been read or listened to, to show understanding. Some learners will be practising using adjectives in sentences and others will be building CVC words and writing these.



### Diary

Our P.E. days are on Thursday and Friday mornings. We have Outdoor Learning on a Monday afternoon. The children 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 morning through Show and Tell. On a Thursday 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.

We are looking forward to working with you this year.

Mrs Marturano - Class Teacher

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