



Our Class Newsletter

Term 1 : Primary 1



Primary 1 have made an excellent start to the school year. All the children have adjusted well to their new environment and are building meaningful friendships. They are growing more mindful of our class rules and routines and are enjoying discovering their new classroom and playroom.



Reminders

Wed 11th - Meet the Teacher (9.15-9.50am)

20th September – Learning Café (2.15pm)

10th October – Harvest Assembly



Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we will focus on recognising numbers to 20. We are learning to count and sequence forwards and backwards (0-30) confidently, recognise the number before/after and practice our number formation.

In maths, we will be working on recognising and naming the main 2D shapes. We will describe them using simple properties – the number of sides and corners that they have.



Literacy

In our Literacy sessions, we will focus on developing our phonological awareness through various multi-sensory and active learning experiences, as well as through song and Makaton. We will encourage pupils to participate by singing and attempting to sign. Each week, we will learn two initial sounds and use them to blend and form simple words. Additionally, we will practice letter formation and accurately write our own names. We will also start identifying common words and work on developing our speaking and listening skills. During our lessons, pupils are encouraged to "give me 5", which involves using their looking eyes, listening ears, thinking hats, sitting still and comfortably, and being calm.

Across the Curriculum



Our classroom is a supportive environment where children can engage in meaningful play-based learning experiences. They will be encouraged to become confident individuals and take ownership of their learning. Our class topic, "Growing Goodness Together," will be centred around Fairtrade Harvest and will allow the children to gain an understanding of where food comes from, the importance of respecting farmers and will tie into their science lessons about the seasons and growing plants. We are excited about the opportunities this will provide for the children to grow plants in our lovely Polytunnel.



RE/Health and Wellbeing

In our first term, we will focus on school rules and routines. The children will contribute to creating our Class Charter and we will discuss our school values. We will read stories such as "The Colour Monster" to help us understand the range of emotions we can feel and how to manage them. During PE, we will concentrate on bat and ball skills through various activities. In RE, we will learn about the Signs of the Cross, Morning and Night Prayers, and Grace Before and After Meals.



Misc.

Homework will be issued on a weekly basis, information will follow soon. We will frequently have outdoor learning activities, so please make sure that your child dresses appropriately for the weather. Gym days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to have your child bring their gym kit and label all uniform items with their name.