

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school and to Primary 1. We are certain that your child will enjoy this school year and settle in well. Each term you will receive a class newsletter informing you of all the learning and upcoming events that will be taking place. We hope that you find this information useful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### Health and Wellbeing

Our main priority is to ensure your child is happy and settled in school. For much of Term 1 we will be focussing on Health and Wellbeing targets, e.g. familiarisation with routines, sharing, friendship and turn taking. We have some key targets which will help make your child a more confident individual. These include:

- Listen carefully to instructions
- Try to find your own coat peg and put jackets on independently
- Always try your best to follow class and school rules and respect the rights of others

### Literacy

We are following North Lanarkshire's Active Literacy Programme encouraging learning through fun activities, e.g. sand, play, paint, play-dough, pegs etc. Reading books and sounds will be introduced when we feel the children are ready and are comfortable with more formal group work.

### Numeracy

In Term 1, we will be working on recognising numbers in their many forms. Our learning will be created in fun ways and we will focus on number formation, counting, sequencing and matching. The children will also extend their numeracy learning through the outdoor environment and problem solving challenges through play.

### Topic

As a starting point, we have chosen to use Julia Donaldson books. The children will be exploring the authors work whilst being involved in exciting activities related to the characters and stories. Pupils will also be encouraged to suggest what they would like to do within this topic.

## P.E

P.E., this year, will take place both outdoors and indoors on different days. Our PE days will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please could your child come to school wearing jogging bottoms and a school polo shirt, suitable shoes and that he/she refrains from wearing jewellery on these days. If your child has earrings which cannot be removed for several weeks, please cover earrings with tape on P.E. days for health and safety reasons.

## Homework

A grid with homework activities will be uploaded onto our Glow Teams. Glow logins will be sent home shortly. The tasks are optional. However we do suggest your child tries their best to complete homework to help them steadily progress throughout the year. There will be a jotter provided for tasks to be completed and completed tasks can be uploaded onto our Team. The main emphasis of our homework will be reading.

Glow Teams - This will be where information about what we are learning will be posted and every child will receive a log in for you to access your Team. It would be really helpful if once you access Teams that you give a post a thumbs up and then I will know you have read the post. It works really well I find if you download the app.

## The Everywhere Bear

In nursery the children read the story and we have our own Everywhere Bear in our classroom. Every Friday, starting from 27<sup>th</sup> August, each child will have a turn to bring the bear home. I would like if your child could draw a picture in the jotter or add in a picture of what the bear got up to at home or out and about. On Monday your child should bring the bear and the jotter back to school so they can talk to their friends about what the bear did. Over the holidays when the bear was with me, she went on an aeroplane to Spain and enjoyed sunbathing in the sunshine. I will send the bear home in order of the class register. I hope your child enjoys sharing the story with you.

## Lost Property

We appreciate that new items for school can be costly and so we encourage children to be mindful of their own belongings whether they are clothing, stationary etc. We strongly encourage children to keep any of their personal items they are not using or wearing in their school bag and that all items are clearly labelled with their name.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure a happy and smooth transition from nursery to school.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Davidson