

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing October break. We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of learning taking place and fun activities for your children.

Literacy:

The children will continue to follow the North Lanarkshire Active Literacy programme. Each Friday the children will continue to be given a spelling assessment to monitor their progress. Please encourage your child to learn to spell these words which are uploaded to our Teams page every Monday.

This term children will be continuing to learn the initial sounds, and practising using these to build, read and write words.

Reading books will continue to be issued twice weekly on a Monday and a Wednesday. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of ensuring that your child comes to school with their book daily, as it is required for reading and to work on literacy tasks. If your child is absent or forgets their book, please try to return the reading book to school promptly. I appreciate your co-operation with this.

Writing

There will be one taught writing lesson per week, this term we will be focusing on recount stories. Children will also have opportunities to write daily for a variety of purposes and for a variety of reasons. Our grammar focus will be capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

Talking & Listening

This term we will be learning and performing the Nativity. The performance will be on Friday 9th December at 2pm. More details about this will be sent home shortly. We will also be continuing to encourage your child to take turns when they talk and listen.

French

The children will be learning some French this term. The focus will be on learning Greetings.

Numeracy:

Number and Number Processes:

This term we will be learning to count, order and sequence numbers to 20. We will be learning different ways of representing numbers using play resources.

Pattern & Relationships

This term we will be looking at patterns and relationships. We will be learning to create our own patterns and to continue existing patterns.

Time:

We will be learning to name the days of the week, months of the year and the seasons.

Shape, Position & Movement:

We will begin to explore 2D shape and 3D objects and will be able to identify and describe some of these.

Pupils will continue to develop mental maths strategies, problem solving skills and revisit previous learning.

Social Studies

This term we will be focusing on 'Percy the Park Keeper' and his many adventures with his animal friends. We will be learning about the environment, the animals that live there and how we can help to look after the world.

RME:

RME will be taught by the NCCT teachers and this term the children will be learning about Diwali and The Nativity Story.

Health and Wellbeing:

We will continue to learn about children's rights and particularly respecting the rights of others, as part of our Rights-respecting school ethos. We will be focussing on the value of Respect and learning about Food and Health.

Our P.E. days will remain the same as Term 1. Our main topic will be games and Scottish Dance. Please ensure that your child comes to school on those days in appropriate clothes including shoes and refrains from wearing jewellery on these days, for health and safety reasons. If your child is wearing earrings that cannot be removed, please try to place tape over their ears, **prior** to attending school.

School Values

In Primary 1, our focus is on the value of Love. Each month we will also be learning about a new value alongside our own class one. This term the values that we will look are Respect and Family.

Homework

Homework will continue to be issued on our Teams on a Monday. Reading is our main focus for homework, however we would advise and encourage you to continue to work with your child to complete a few spelling, phonics and number tasks too.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and more importantly, for helping to encourage your children to work hard and enjoy learning. We look forward to meeting with you at the upcoming parents evening on Thursday 23rd of November.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Emslie & Miss. McNeil
Class teachers of Primary 1a & Primary 1b