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BELIEVE IN YOURSELF

hu**M**ility and forgiveness

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Love

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

h**O**nesty and gener**O**sity

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friends**H**ip & family

A Place of Enthusiastic Learning and Achievement!

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our school and to Primary 1. I hope 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. I hope that you find this information useful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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 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 been exploring Traditional Tales. The children have had the opportunity to take part in exciting activities related to the characters and stories. The children are also encouraged to suggest what they would like to do within this topic.

R.M.E

This term the children will be learning about Christian stories.

Modern Languages

French will be taught to the children through daily immersion (short bursts to start our afternoons) to help the children retain language through daily use. We will start with greetings and colours.

Values

We are a School of Character and each month we focus on a different one of our school values. During the month of August the value we are looking at is Friendship and during September we focus on Gratitude. Throughout the year P1 will look at the value of the month and also their class value - Love.

Class Charter

We are working hard on our class charter - we are spending lots of time talking about this in class. We agree that we want our class to be a place that we feel safe and somewhere we can learn and play. To achieve these goals, we will try to be kind and share with our friends, try to listen well and make sensible choices.

P.E

P.E., this year, will take place both outdoors and indoors on different days. Our PE days will be Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor.) Please could your child come to school wearing jogging bottoms/shorts 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.

The Everywhere Bear

In nursery the children read the story and we have our own Everywhere Bear in our classroom. Every Friday, starting in September, each child will have a turn to bring the bear home. We ask that your child draws a picture in the jotter or adds in a photograph of things that they do with the bear. 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. We will send the bear home in order of the class register. We 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, stationery 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.

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

Kind Regards,

Mrs Da Maia