

## Preparing for School

Children are encouraged to develop their independence by standing in their class line at 9am. Parents are reminded to stay behind the yellow line at 9am and 3pm.

Blue homework bags should be brought to school each day - **these should be carried and not put inside school bags.**

## PE

Children should bring all gym kit to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday.

Whitelees Primary PE kit is:

### **Indoor**

- Blue shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Indoor soft shoes

### **Outdoor**

- Tracksuit bottoms
- Jumper
- Rain jacket
- Trainers (different from indoor shoes)

Please ensure that each item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

## General Information

### Class Dojo

This is the reward system we use in school. Please log on to join Class Dojo to allow you to see your child's points and receive any messages sent by the class teacher.

### Water Bottles

Children are welcome to bring a water bottle to school. Water bottles should come filled with water only and fitted with a sports cap or integrated straw to help prevent spillages.

### Snacks and Packed Lunches

Children can bring a snack to eat at playtime. Please be aware of the short time children have to eat when packing a lunch for them.

### Twitter

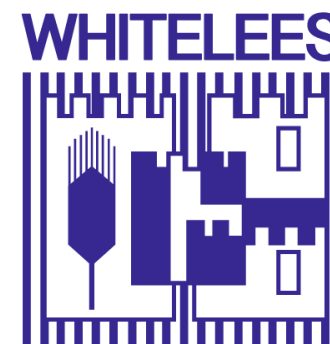
We like to share pictures of the children working hard on Twitter. Please follow us @WhiteleesPS for regular updates.



WHITELEES PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY 1

Parent Guide



## Literacy

### Spelling

Children will be introduced to 2 or 3 spelling words a week. They will be taught strategies to help them spell these words independently. These words should be revised at home before the spelling test on a Friday.

### Phonics

Children will learn 2 sounds a week. In class children will use magnetic letters and boards to blend sounds to make simple words. After the children have learned all the letters of the alphabet they will be introduced to phonemes (e.g. oo).

### Reading

Two reading books will be sent home each week. Children will read these books in class and will be taught to read high frequency words. Books should be read at home each night and brought to school every day in the children's blue homework bags.

### Writing

Once a week children will have a taught writing lesson, allowing them to write in a variety of genres.

Children will begin to learn to write by overwriting, then underwriting, eventually to writing independently and using their phonic knowledge to 'have a go' at spelling unfamiliar words.



## Maths

### Mental maths

Every day children will have a mental maths lesson where they will develop their mental agility and number recognition.

### Number Talks

P1 pupils will develop an awareness of different mental strategies to use when working with numbers.

### Big Maths

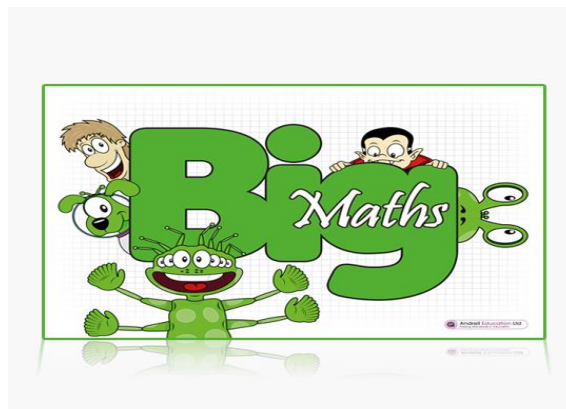
Core maths skills will be developed through Big Maths. Children will be involved in practical activities as well as written work to develop these skills.

### CLIC Tests

Core maths teaching each week will be assessed in a weekly CLIC Test.

### Learn Its

Children will be provided with number facts to learn which will be tested in a weekly Learn Its test.



## Interdisciplinary Learning

Children will be provided with opportunities to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding through practical play based activities.

### Homework

Homework will consolidate learning from class and will allow children to further develop their skills and knowledge.

A fortnightly homework sheet will be issued detailing a variety of tasks for the children to complete. Children can complete the tasks in any order but all tasks for each week must be completed.

Additionally, children can choose 1 choice task each week to complete.

Homework should be submitted each Friday for marking and will be reissued on a Monday.

**Reading homework should be done every night at home.**



