

Buzzbee's news about P1



Welcome to P1

What are we learning this term?

Literacy and English

We will have a settling in period where we will be focussing on traditional stories and learning our name. After this we will be introducing and practising initial sounds at a rate of two per week. The sounds we will be learning this term are: **a, t, s, i, p, n, r, n, d, e, c, k & ck**. The sounds are mainly learned through actions, songs and rhymes. We focus on **letter sounds** as opposed to **letter names** as this helps when we begin to blend our sounds to make words e.g. c-a-t. Your child will receive a guide to letter and number formation to help at home.

We learn three common words a week. These are words with tricky spellings that cannot be sounded out e.g. 'I', 'the' etc. Again, these will be sent home for you to practise with your child.

In class we will practise reading and discussing books every day. After a settling in period your child will be encouraged to practise reading at home. Please encourage your child to look for initial sounds and talk about what's happening in the story.

Numeracy and Maths

We will be exploring numbers to 10 through interactive games and written tasks. The pupils will be learning to recognise, form and order the numbers. Number formation is taught through a series of rhymes which will be sent home to allow for practice at home.

Numeracy and Maths will be taught through "hands on" activities, play and discussion. There will be a balance of number, money, measure, shape, position and movement and information handling.



Interdisciplinary learning

Our first topic will be 'Our School'. The children will experience a range of activities, such as exploring our school building and grounds, meeting staff members and learning how we can respect our school and the people in it.

Home-Learning

After a settling in period your child will be sent home a Home-learning booklet to practise sounds, tricky words and number work. This will reinforce the learning completed in class. Home-learning is particularly important in Primary 1 as the children are beginning their learning journey and we appreciate the involvement of our parents in completing this with their children.

Things to remember:

PE - Our gym days are **Tuesday & Friday**. Please send a gym bag with a pair of dark shorts and sandshoes/ trainers in with your child. This will be kept in school and sent home regularly to be washed. Children should be dressed in a polo shirt on gym days for ease of changing.

We will also be going outside in all types of weather so please dress your child appropriately and with sun cream if need be. Please include a waterproof jacket as we will go out even when it rains.

Uniform - please ensure **ALL** items of clothing are clearly **labelled**.

Water bottles - children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please remember it should **only** be water and not diluting juice. Bottles can be refilled at school.