



Heathfield Primary School and Early Years Centre



Primary 1 Curriculum Newsletter October - December 2021



Literacy

In Literacy, it is amazing how much the children have completed already and we hope you are noticing this at home too.

Phonics – we have covered a number of sounds in class already and use the jolly phonics jingles to support the children to remember them. We will continue to explore new sounds through a variety of practical and written tasks.

Reading – Pupils have recently started their reading books and will be learning how to read more common words, sound out words, follow text with fingers, count how many words on a page and use picture clues to help. They will also ask and answer questions with some follow-up reading tasks in class. Please continue to enjoy books with your children at home as well as hearing them read their class book.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, we are continuing to build a stronger understanding of numbers within 10. We follow a Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract (CPA) approach at Heathfield Primary. This means that we always start with real objects to develop understanding before drawing and using pictures to represent them and finally thinking about maths questions mentally or using digits. We are currently investigating number sequences, counting forwards and backwards, finding one more and one less, estimating how many, recognising dot patterns and naming 2D shapes and 3D objects.

Next, we will look at extending the numbers which we work with and investigating some aspects of money and measure.

Health and Wellbeing

On Wednesdays, we will be exploring textiles, outdoor learning and P.E. In these sessions, we are looking forward to exploring different materials, loose parts play outdoors and developing our ball skills.

On Thursdays, we will be continuing to enjoy our Active School's sessions with Aiden, where we have been learning new playground games and working together as a team.

We enjoyed getting to know each other through our Talking Bags, and are strengthening our friendships whilst celebrating our similarities and differences.

Other Curricular Areas

In Music, we are looking forward to learning songs and participating in drama for our Nativity. We will be developing our ICT skills by using our class iPads and capturing play we are proud of by taking pictures. We will be exploring popular celebrations within a range of art activities.

Within Religious and Moral Education (RME), we will be learning about Christianity by exploring stories, images, music and poems.



This term, our contexts for learning will be **Autumn, The Senses, Day and Night, Sun, Moon and Stars**

You can help us by talking about these contexts at home with your child.

3 rd November	Parent Council
4 th November	Diwali
5 th November	Guy Fawkes
15 th -19 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th -19 th November	Book Week Scotland
19 th November	Children in Need
8 th December	Christmas Lunch
10 th December	Aitken Drum
21 st December	Christmas Party
22 nd December	School Closes 2.30pm

Important Reminders



WASH YOUR HANDS

