

Heathfield Primary and EYC Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 1

November 2024



Dates for Your Diary

November

Wednesday 6th 6pm Parent Council Meeting

Friday 8th Outdoor Classroom Day Please note change of date.

Monday 11th Anti Bullying Week

Friday 15th Children in Need - Dress Down Day

Monday 18th Book Week Scotland

Monday 18th Road Safety Week

December

Monday 2nd Christmas Post Boxes out

Friday 6th Dress Down day and bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12th EYC to P7 Christmas lunch

Friday 13th Christmas fayre

Tuesday 17th P1 - 3 Nativity

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Thursday 19th P1 and 2 Cinema Trip

Friday 20th Winter assembly

Friday 20th Close at 2.30pm

Remember...

Our school uniform is: a white shirt/polo shirt, red or grey jumper or cardigan and black/grey trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore.

Tartan/check dresses in our school colours are also welcome!

Please remember that we may take our learning outside so all children should bring a jacket.

The children will have PE on the following days:

Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Literacy and English

It is amazing how much the children have completed already, and we hope you have been noticing this at home too.

Phonics: We have covered a number of phonemes already and use Jolly Phonics songs and actions to support the children to remember them. We will continue to introduce new sounds to the children through a variety of play based, active and written tasks.

Reading: Pupils have recently started reading at school. We will be continuing to retell stories in greater depth using wordless books. We will be practising to blend phonemes to read simple words. Core reading skills will be taught, e.g. counting how many words on a page, following text with a reading finger, ask and answer questions about the text.

Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy, we are continuing to build a stronger understanding of numbers to 20 and beyond, focusing on addition and subtraction. We will continue to use the CPA (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract) approach to support learning.

This term, we will continue to explore Measurement topics, with a focus on capacity and weight. We will be investigating data handling, collecting, recording and analysing our findings. We are looking forward to making links with Science and our IDL contexts.



Health and Wellbeing

We attend Citizenship every Friday where we focus on school values, wider school achievements, initiatives and the Rights of the Child (RRS).

In PE we are working on moving our bodies and following dance moves in preparation for our social dancing in December.

Our Circle Time discussions will encourage us to consider how to use words, body language and gestures when communicating.

We are developing our confidence and performance skills as we prepare for our Nativity and can't wait to share this with you!

Contexts for Learning

Science around us

We are fascinated by Science in Primary 1 and have got lots of experiments planned to help us understand the world around us including - classifying animals, the changing state of water and day and night.

Toys

We'll be looking at toys from now and the past as we sort and investigate how they work. We will link our learning to Science with some forces investigations too.



Home Learning

Guidance for Parents

We respect the unique set of circumstances and values each family has and home learning is parental choice and will not be 'marked' by teachers.

If your child requires additional support with any learning tasks the class teacher will discuss this with you individually.

Home learning should never be stressful for a family. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

What can we do at home?

Literacy and English

Spend quality time reading together. Your child will come home with a reading book every Tuesday and we ask that this is kept at home through the week and returned the following Tuesday.

As you read together talk about what is happening in the story and make predictions about what might happen next.

Numeracy and Maths

With parental supervision, have a go at weighing and measuring in the kitchen. Maybe you could make a simple recipe together such as bread or a cake.

Information handling - try to gather information from your family. You could find out about favourite foods, hair colour or favourite toy. Feel free to send in the information gathered.

Rights Respecting Schools

What is your birthday right? Ask an adult to help you research your birthday right and share it with your class teacher. For example, if you are born on the 5th, you would learn the 5th right of the child. The Right of the Child can be found here: <https://www.unicef.org/sop/convention-rights-child-child-friendly-version>

Context for Learning

We are looking forward to finding out about toys from the past. We'd love to hear about parents' and grandparents' favourite toys and plan to invite you in later on in the term to share your own toys with us if you would like to.

Websites to support Home Learning

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.sumdog.com

www.doorwayonline.org.uk

www.storyline.net