

PRIMARY 1 CLASS NEWSLETTER - TERM 1



A note from the teacher...



Hello and welcome to Primary 1!

We have had a lovely start to the year, getting to know each other and settling into our new classroom and school. We have enjoyed spending time with our Primary 7 buddies and making new friends. High expectations have been set for behaviour and effort, and we have been learning about our rules and routines.

I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. Please feel free to get in touch if you have anything you wish to discuss - my door is always open.

Here's to a fantastic year!
Miss McIntyre

Language & Literacy



We will be working on developing phonological awareness through nursery rhymes, songs, games, stories and poems. An information sheet can be found on the school website on how to support at home with this.

We will be developing our fine motor skills as we get ready to write through scissor skills, playdough, clay, tracing and black line drawings. Please encourage a correct pencil grip when working at home.

Numeracy & Mathematics



In numeracy, we will be looking at number word sequences both forward and backward within 20 as well as structuring numbers within 10.

In Maths we will be covering symmetry and shape.

We will be developing our mental maths skills through using Tom Renwick's 'Wee Red Box'.

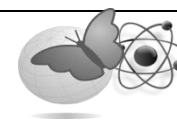
Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and due in on a Friday. Initially it will consist of a tracing sheet and a formation pattern to complete. When we move onto learning our initial sounds and common words there will be flashcards and an active activity for children to complete. Homework should take no longer than 10 minutes, short bursts are best.

Play

We will be continuing to embed play within our daily routine. Children will complete target tasks, and they will also have direct teaching time in small groups.

Science, RME & Technologies



On a Thursday Mrs Wishart will be teaching RME, French and music to your child. In RME this term the focus will be on exploring Christian stories and identifying symbols from other world religions. In French the focus will be on learning to say basic greetings and colours and to ask and answer questions in French.

In technology, we will be using the iPads to open games and use Qr codes to access different websites. We will also begin to log onto the Chromebooks and improve our skills by using a mouse/touch pad.

Health & Wellbeing



Our P.E. days are a Monday and Thursday. Please ensure children bring a change of clothes to change into on these days. I would encourage easier school clothes for the children to change out of/into. Please avoid sending your child to school wearing tights on these days.

Mrs Wishart will be leading our PE session on a Thursday, and she will be focussing on how to move our bodies with control, balance, coordination and fluency whilst sharing a space safely during games.

In health we will be focussing on different emotions and will learn a variety of strategies to support us.

