

Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term One

Dear Parent/Carer,

September 2021

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 1. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. In school we are looking forward to a busy and exciting term. Over the first few weeks we have been working hard to establish a positive and effective classroom ethos. This has included getting to know each other, and creating our own Community Contract, which helps pupils, staff and visitors to understand how the school values and children's rights are respected within our classroom.

Miss Prior



English & Literacy

This term we will learn lots of new sounds and we will develop our letter recognition, formation and blending. We will do this through a variety of songs, actions and stories. We will also begin to develop our skills in word building and blending using the different sounds we have learned.

Our reading in term 1 will focus on exploring fiction texts, and through a range of picture books and stories, we will learn about different characters and settings.

Our writing will focus on developing detailed black pen drawings and mark making, building on children's personal experiences and imagination.

Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on number recognition, patterns and counting forwards and backwards within 20 and beyond. We will play a wide variety of counting games and sing lots of counting songs to help us.

We are also learning to recognise the numeral, word and a variety of dot, sound, finger and picture patterns for each number.

We will also be looking at shape and data handling in our beyond number work.

Interdisciplinary Learning: Dinosaurs

This term our context for learning is 'Dinosaurs'. We will be learning about this context through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Science, Technology, Expressive arts and Literacy. The key questions we will explore are:

- What did dinosaurs look like?
 - What did they eat?
- What was their habitat like?
- What happened to dinosaurs?

Other Key Information

Outdoor Learning & PE Days

PE Days – Monday & Wednesday

We will have lots of outdoor learning this term, with myself and with Miss Brolls on a Tuesday, so please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather (Jackets, wellies, sunscreen, overalls, etc.).

Snacks and Water Bottles

Snacks - As our afternoon is longer due to staggered lunch times, we plan to have an 'extra' snack break as the children will have an earlier lunch than usual, please feel free to send an extra snack if you wish. It would also be helpful if snacks are separate from packed lunch boxes.

Water Bottles - Please bring a named water bottle to school each day. We will encourage the children to pace themselves with their water as they are currently unable to use the water fountain to refill bottles. They may wish to bring more than one bottle.

Homework

This will begin after the September break. However you can support your child at home by reading to them regularly and giving them opportunities to practise writing their name and draw.