



# Primary 1 Newsletter



Hello and a huge welcome to all of our Primary 1 families! I am absolutely delighted to be teaching Primary 1 again this year and I hope it is a year of a little more normality for everyone. I am so impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their school routines. This would not be possible without your continued support; thank you! The children and I are looking forward to a busy, fun, creative and exciting first term together!

## Numeracy

This term the children will be further developing their sense of number. The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in nursery rhymes and active games to support counting accurately with 1-1 correspondence. Primary 1 are looking at numbers 0-10 in greater depth by thinking about numbers before, after and in-between. They are having lots of fun developing their number formation through multisensory activities such as writing the numbers in shaving foam, Cheerios, paint... you name it! Lots of mess but lots of fun. They have especially loved our number songs which help us remember the formation of each one. You may wish to ask to hear these at home. As the term goes on, the class will be gaining a greater understanding of quantities, discussing more and less and combining two different quantities to find out how much they have all together.

## Literacy

In Literacy, the children have been developing their phonological awareness. So far they have been developing word awareness, learning about rhyme and compound words. Very challenging learning! We have also been working lots on our fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are especially important and should be worked on at home regularly.

This term will also see the children beginning to learn phonics. They will begin learning the first sets of initial phonemes. For each phoneme they will learn the letter name, sound and formation. They will also learn how to read, write and spell words containing these phonemes.

In reading pupils will be developing reading strategies that will aid their comprehension. They will be making predictions, sequencing main parts and discussing events in a variety of texts with an initial focus on picture books. When the children begin learning their phonemes

they will have three new common/tricky words to learn each week. They will be learning to read and spell these in various contexts.

Writing will initially be focused on developing the children's pencil control and fine motor skills. Primary 1 will tell stories through black line drawings and will discuss their stories with a partner and the rest of the class. This will support their vocabulary development. As the term goes on children will begin scribing their stories and adding more detail.

## Topic/Interdisciplinary Work

This term we have been focusing on stories and story telling. Each week we have listened to a new story and our week has been focused on activities surrounding this. We have been retelling stories, making puppets, sequencing events and enjoying arts and crafts related to our stories too.

## Health and Wellbeing

Primary 1's P.E. days are a Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday is our outdoor P.E. day and Thursday is indoors. Please ensure that children are appropriately dressed for outdoor P.E, especially as the colder weather comes in! Children can wear their shorts under their uniform and if possible children should not wear a shirt and tie on these days to make the changing process a little easier and increase their independence too!

Primary 1 have been learning the importance of good listening, looking and taking turns through fun stories. We enjoyed meeting the friendly monsters 'Looking Luke,' 'Listening Lizzie' and Timmy and Tommy Taking Turns.' I have been very impressed with how well the children have followed the advice of the friendly

### Important

- Please follow our class page on Twitter to keep up with what we are doing each day!  
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- Please ensure that children's clothes have their name on them.

monsters we have met! Keep up the good work P1!

Thank you for all of your support so far. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions no matter how big or small!