



Learning and Celebrating

Primary 1 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the first term of Primary 1. The children are quickly settling into school and becoming familiar with their routines. It has been lovely to get to know the class during our establishment phase and it was great to see so many people at our Curriculum Talk on Monday.

Literacy

We are learning our letter sounds using the Jolly Phonics programme which follows a multi-sensory approach. Each day children will practise reading and writing their sounds.

For Writing, we are focussing on personal experience. We begin by drawing a picture of ourselves in context and write about our picture to describe what it shows.

Numeracy and Maths

We will be exploring numbers to 20. Activities will include recognising, identifying and using numbers to 20. For Numeracy, we will be doing lots of games and collaborative learning.

For Maths, we will begin to learn about 2D and 3D shapes. We will do lots of practical maths and hopefully get out into the playground for a shape hunt.

Topics

We are starting the term exploring books written by Julia Donaldson. These include: Sharing a Shell, The Snail and the Whale and The Smartest Giant in Town. We will be looking closely at the themes and characters that appear in these books. We will then move onto our first topic which is "My School and Town and People who help in it." We will look at maps and photographs as well as exploring the local area by foot. We would encourage children to bring in any items related to our theme. P1 would be really excited to hear about any parents' jobs and we will be looking for support for this soon.

Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days for this term are Monday and Thursday. On a Thursday P.E. is delivered by specialist Mrs Jones. Please ensure that children have their gym kit on these days. Gym kits can be kept in school for the full term and should consist of shorts, a T-shirt and good fitting indoor shoes.

As part of our Health and Wellbeing focus at the beginning of term we have explored the qualities of friendship, caring and sharing through the Julia Donaldson Books mentioned above.

Additional Information

For homework, on Monday-Thursday children should complete the page in their workbook to revise the sound of the day.

Please see the suggested homework activities for consolidation of the sounds of the week and Numeracy activities.

We are looking forward to welcoming PGDE student Mr Low into P1H. He will be working with the class for 5 weeks starting on 03.09.18.

Thank you for your support so far this term. I look forward to working with your children. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with me personally.

Miss Hopkirk