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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.

Literacy

We have started 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 focusing 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.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We are starting the term exploring various books such as Sharing a Shell, The Rainbow Fish and The Smartest Giant in Town. We will be looking closely at the themes and characters that appear in these books. We will also be developing our classroom ethos and creating our P1 class charters related to being a Rights Respecting School. We will then move onto our first topic which is "My School and People who help in it." We have already enjoyed a tour of the school and look forward to meeting the staff who work and help us at Cornbank. We would encourage children to bring in any items related to our theme.

Health & 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 books mentioned above.

We will also begin learning about the Cornbank Toolkit and how this helps us as we learn.

Other Information

For homework on Monday-Thursday children should complete the page in their Jolly Phonics workbook to revise the sound of the day. Please see the suggested homework activities for consolidation of the sounds of the week.

If you wish your child to have a painting shirt in school, please send one in with your child's name.

Mrs Cole is looking forward to working with P1M on a Thursday.

Shared Start Dates

24.09.19, 25.09.19, 26.09.19

Thank you for your support so far this term. We look forward to working with your children. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch with us personally.
Miss Hopkirk and Miss Maxwell