



Cornbank Primary School

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to be their best now and in the future

Primary 1 Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to the first term of Primary 1. We hope you all had a good summer. The children are quickly settling into school and becoming familiar with their new routines. It has been lovely getting to know the classes during our Establishment Phase.

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 have started the term by exploring books which focus on Health and Wellbeing themes such as friendship, families, emotions and positive mind-sets. The children have really enjoyed 'The Lion Inside' and 'The Colour Monster' with the related activities. We have started developing our classroom ethos and creating our P1 class charters relating 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 will be learning about the people who work in our school and the different jobs they have. This will lead nicely onto our final topic of term 1 which is 'Our Community'.

Health & Wellbeing

As part of our Health and Wellbeing focus at the beginning of term we have been getting to know each other better and developing friendships through play and circle time.

We will begin learning about the Cornbank Toolkit and how this helps us as we learn. Each week we will focus on a different tool. Our Cornbank Tools are:

- Creativity
- Confidence
- Perseverance
- Enthusiasm
- Concentration
- Initiative
- Curiosity
- Co-operation

Other Information

For homework on Monday-Thursday children should complete the dated 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. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

If you wish your child to have a painting shirt for creative activities and water tray play in school, please send one in with your child's name on it.

Our P.E. day will be on **Tuesdays**. Please ensure that children come to school dressed in outdoor P.E. kit, warm clothing and trainers.

Please continue to check our school Twitter page - **@CornbankPS** for pictures and regular updates.

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.

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