

Primary 1 Newsletter

October 2023 - December 2023



We hope that you enjoyed your October break and are ready to begin Term 2. This term is going to be an exciting and busy one and we hope that this newsletter will give you a flavour of the learning taking place. We hope you enjoyed attending our Primary 1 Workshops at the start of term (you can still find the power points we used on Seesaw), and we are looking forward to our first parent consultation meetings.



Numeracy & Maths

In Numeracy, we will be developing our knowledge of numbers to 20 and beyond and discovering strategies to help us with addition. We will begin to explore different strategies to use in problem solving. We will also be learning about data handling.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we will be continuing our topic theme of Autumn and Special Days, before moving on to Toys and Christmas. In our toys topic we will be focussing on forces, materials, technology, and electrical safety. The children will lead their own learning and we know that they will have lots of super ideas for things to investigate after the success of last term's topics. Children will be encouraged to work both independently and with others during this time and will also put their literacy and numeracy knowledge to use in real life contexts. As part of the Christmas theme, the children will be creating Christmas crafts for an enterprise project, practising for their nativity and learning about the Christmas story and Christmas traditions.

Literacy & English

We will be continuing to learn to recognise and write more sounds through stories, rhymes, songs, and actions. We will practise blending the sounds to make short words through writing tasks, craft, and lots of other fun games and practical activities that we can choose from. You will be able to help with practising the sounds as part of the fortnightly Home Learning on Seesaw. We will also be focussing on listening to instructions and taking turns to talk in groups. We will be learning to plan, discuss and write stories in small groups. During this term we will be starting to send reading books home weekly.

Health & Wellbeing

We will be learning about kindness, friendship, children's rights, being responsible and thinking about our individual talents. In PE, we will be learning to share space, follow instructions and develop our hopping and jumping skills. We will also be learning to move our body in an increasingly controlled way as we perform a sequence of movements.

Additional Information

Ms Melrose will continue to take Primary 1 classes for Maths, RME and Music this term. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather as we will be continuing with our regular outdoor learning opportunities and clearly label all clothing. If you require another copy of your child's Seesaw login please contact the school office.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school office, or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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