

# Primary 1 Newsletter

August – October 2024

We are delighted to welcome our new Primary 1 pupils at Windyknowe Primary School and they have already settled in beautifully! We hope that this newsletter will give you a flavour of the learning taking place in our first term.

## Welcome to Primary 1

The children start each day by registering and talking about our daily timetable in preparation for learning through play throughout the day. The children are becoming more independent, looking after their own property and getting to know their way around their classrooms and school. Remember to provide one healthy and easy to open snack for morning story time, and a labelled water bottle only for during the day. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have in our upcoming open evening and learning workshop.

### Numeracy & Maths

We will be learning to recognise numbers to 10, count objects accurately, order numbers within 10 and beyond for some. We will use the language before, after, more and less. We will learn to write the numbers correctly through Number Zoo stories and rhymes. We will also be learning to find different ways to sort objects and to record our findings. Lastly we will be exploring pattern and shape.



### Literacy & English

We will be learning our sounds using the Jolly Phonics, Active Literacy, Vowel House and Colourful Consonants schemes. We will learn to recognise them through stories, rhymes, songs, and actions. We will practise writing and listening for letter sounds through a variety of writing tasks, fun games and practical activities that we can choose from. We will also be focussing on listening to instructions and taking turns to talk in groups. We will be starting to plan, discuss and tell our own stories which will initially focus on picture detail.



### Child-led Learning Through Play

In the afternoons the children will be learning about themselves in our topic 'Once Upon a Time' through play activities and short discussions. The children will be encouraged to lead the learning by sharing their ideas and investigating problems, working independently and with others. All areas of the curriculum will be explored during this time, providing exploration and challenge opportunities.

### Health & Wellbeing

We will be learning about our school's vision and values and how we can be a good member of our class and school. We will also be finding out what we can do to keep ourselves safe at school, at home and outside. The children will have many opportunities to link their learning to the UN rights of the child.



### Safety

The P1 teachers will continue to dismiss the children from the ramp on the front playground at the end of the school day. Thank you for your patience and co-operation in keeping the children safe. Please continue to wait until your child is dismissed by their teacher.



### Additional Information

We will have P.E. outside every Monday and inside on a Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit wherever possible. This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours). Please also provide suitable shoes that your child can fasten themselves. All belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please also look out for information regarding access to our learning platform 'Seesaw' where you will find your child's homework in the coming weeks.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us by telephone or email.

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