

Thematic Weeks

We have enjoyed celebrating Book Week Scotland and exploring the amazing books that came in the Bookbug Bags. We hope you have enjoyed looking at these together at home too—please share any photos associated to this through Seesaw.

We will also be celebrating Children in Need in school, where children are welcome to come to school dressed up in sparkly/fancy clothes and we will be learning a class dance to perform to the 'judges!'

Home-School Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. Please contact the school office by telephone or email—they will be happy to answer any queries you may have or if you wish to speak to me on the phone and I will return your call.

Seesaw

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Seesaw so far. I hope you have been enjoying seeing photos/videos showing pupil learning and updates on what has been happening in P1W. I have also been using Seesaw to send homework to revise the sounds we have been learning in class. Thank you for the fantastic response to this. I really appreciate all the support you have been giving.

Achievement Book

We are keen to celebrate pupils achievements and successes outside of school, as well as in school. I will be keeping an 'Achievement Book' to log all pupils wider achievements. Please share photos/videos through Seesaw or pupils could bring in certificates/medals/share stores with the class.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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Primary 1W Newsletter

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Welcome

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing October break. We had an exciting start to the second term with the Halloween Party and Bonfire Night activities. This is always a fun (and fast!) term as we lead up to Christmas and all the festivities that brings!

General Information

Please make sure your child brings a suitable jacket for the ever changing weather as we will be outside for break and lunch as much as possible (except on very wet days or in extreme weather conditions.)

Please ensure your child brings a small snack for playtime and a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day.

It would be appreciated if you could put names on all belongings to help us return found property to the rightful owner.

Other members of staff in P1

Mrs Harris will teach the class for part of Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Mrs Perry (the music specialist) will continue to teach the children for a short period on Friday mornings.

We are also very lucky to get the help from some learning assistants throughout the week; mainly Mrs Clark, Mrs Malko and Mrs Hamilton.

Topic/IDL

This term our topic will be 'Toys'. We will investigate how toys have changed over time and what makes toys work. It would be great if you or a grandparent could talk to or show your child your favourite toy from your childhood. All pupils will get the opportunity to speak to the class about their favourite toy—more details will be shared about this nearer the time.

Numeracy and Maths

This term we are continuing to develop our understanding on numbers by exploring number sequences (forward and backwards), ordering of number and value of numbers. Over the week, we will be covering number structures, numerals, number stories and grouping/sharing. Numeracy is taught in carousels where the pupils move around 3 stations in every lesson: teacher led input, active learning station (game, play d'oh, i-pad) and a consolidation/written activity.

In Maths, we have started learning about money. We are looking at the value of coins, recognising coins and understanding what money is used for in every day life.

Literacy

We have now learned all of the Set 1 sounds from the Read, Write, Inc. programme and are very impressed at how quickly the children have retained their sounds. We are now spending a little time consolidating this and focussing on blending sounds to read words. The children continue to enjoy 'milk and story' time each day where we have a daily reading focus.

P.E.

This term, we will continue to have PE on Tuesdays in the school gym hall. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for running around in.

We have started this term by focussing on basketball—keeping control of the ball when moving and being able to pass the ball. We will move on to simple team games throughout this term.



Christmas

The lead up to Christmas is always a very exciting time in school. Primary 1 will be learning some Christmas songs which we are looking forward to sharing with you. We will confirm details with you as soon as we know more.

We have 'Christmas Jumper Day' every Friday in December where children are welcome to wear anything 'Christmassy' to school.

We will also be having a Christmas party, Christmas crafts and a Christmas lunch—dates will be shared once confirmed.