



This is the Primary One newsletter for January to April 2023. You will find lots of information about the learning which will be undertaken this term. I hope that you find the information useful and that it will help you to support your child's learning at home.



Literacy - Listening, Talking, Reading and Writing

We are following the Read Write Inc Phonics programme to learn our sounds. Your child will be learning in a small group with other children at the same level. Some of us are now reading the Read Write Inc Ditty books, as well as everyone recapping our Set 1 sounds. We have already been enjoying our P1 Must Reads in our daily story time. Learners have access to a variety of writing materials - we are enjoying writing shopping lists in our home area, as well as forming letters and writing CVC words.

Maths and Numeracy

We are practising our counting daily and are enjoying lots of different number games and activities. P1 are following the Edinburgh SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) programme to develop our understanding of number through practical activities, in small groups or 1:1. This term, we will also be learning about different aspects of Maths such as money, symmetry, measurement and estimation.

Other Curricular Areas

This term, we will be learning about what the past was like for children, exploring toys and what school was like in the past. We will also be celebrating festivals such as Chinese New Year and Easter. We will also be learning some Scottish poems/songs for Scottish Night.

In Science, we are exploring the changing state of water and ice.

In Art, we will be creating art linked to our topic and class books, using a variety of media.

Health & Wellbeing

Our Health and Wellbeing topic this term is 'Respect Yourself'. We will be learning about our similarities and differences, as well as respect for our bodies and what is right and wrong.

We will also be learning about where living things come from and how they grow and are nurtured.

Home Learning

We will be sending our sounds and words home to practise with our grown ups at the end of each week. Learners can practise saying the sounds and forming the letters, as well as reading words. There is no pressure to complete and return this, but we know that many of you are curious about what your child has been learning at school. To help with Numeracy, you can count as you walk and identify different numbers in the environment. Encouraging children to count things at home is always fun e.g. socks, small toys, even tins in the cupboard!

Useful Information

- Friday is PE day - please send your child in comfy clothes which are suitable for sports activities e.g. jogging bottoms, t-shirt and trainers.
- Please provide your child with one healthy snack for playtime, along with a named bottle of water.
- Children should have coats and suitable outdoor shoes as we will have access to the outdoor environment whatever the weather. We do have limited spare wellies at school, but feel free to bring a named pair if desired. Please could children also come with warm clothing such as hats and gloves.
- Names - please name everything! We have over 40 children in P1, so this is the easiest way to ensure your child's belongings come home with them.
- Lunches - P1s are eligible for a free school lunch - please order through ParentPay and contact the office if you need help accessing this.
- Some children have been bringing toys and trading cards into school - please could these stay at home as we know how upsetting it can be if they go missing.

Please come and see us if you have any questions - have a lovely term!

Mrs Heald and Miss Cattanaich