



This is the Primary 1 newsletter for August to October. 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 In P1, we will be following the Read Write Inc Phonics programme to learn our sounds. We are very excited to be starting our reading journey. We will also be doing activities such as sound walks, syllable clapping, word games and rhyming songs to help with our phonological awareness. We have already been enjoying our P1 Must Reads in our daily story time. Learners have access to a variety of writing materials and we are learning to write our names and our initial sounds.

Maths and Numeracy We are practising our counting daily and are enjoying lots of different number games, songs and activities. P1 will be following the Edinburgh SEAL (Stages of Early Arithmetical Learning) programme to develop our understanding of number through practical activities. This term, we will also be learning about different aspects of Maths such as pattern and time.

Other Curricular Areas

Our topic this term will be Autumn – we have already enjoyed finding out about hedgehogs and animals which hibernate. We will be looking at the changing seasons and different signs of Autumn in our local area. In Science, we will be identifying our 5 senses and using them to explore the world around us. 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 'Be Resilient'. We are reading the book 'Oh The Places You'll Go' and discussing how we can cope with all the challenges we face. We will also be learning about food – what foods keep us healthy, how to prepare and handle foods, as well as some fun tasting activities. We are also learning how to share in Primary One and work as part of a team.

Homework We will be sending our sounds home to practise with our grown ups at the end of each week. Learners can practise saying the sounds and forming the letters. We will send suggestions as to how you can practise these together to support their learning in school. 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 even identify different numbers in the environment.

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. **Names** – please name everything! We have 50 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. To see how your child is progressing in school, go to <https://victoria.yourlearningjournals.co.uk/>. Please come and see us if you have any questions - have a lovely term! For more events and information please visit www.victoriaprimary.com and follow our Twitter account on @Victoria_Edin. Our **Parent Teacher Association** is very active and if you wish to get involved, please scan this QR code. You would have opportunities to support the school in a variety of ways.



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