



Primary 1 Learning Letter: Term 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Term 1 of Primary 1. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break. In school we are looking forward to a busy and exciting term. Over the first few weeks we have been working hard to establish a positive and effective classroom ethos. This has included getting to know each other, and creating our own Class Charter, which helps pupils, staff and visitors to understand how our school values and the children's rights are respected within our classroom.

Mrs Stevenson



English & Literacy

This term we will learn lots of new sounds and develop our letter recognition, formation and blending. We will do this through a variety of songs, actions and stories. We will also begin to develop our skills in word building and blending using the different sounds we have learned.

Our reading in term 1 will focus on exploring fiction texts, and through a range of picture books and stories, we will learn about different characters and settings.

Our writing will focus on developing detailed black pen drawings and mark making, building on children's personal experiences and imagination.

Maths & Numeracy

This term we will focus on counting forwards and backwards within 10 and beyond. We will play a wide variety of counting games and sing lots of counting songs to help us.

We are also learning to recognise the numeral, word and a variety of dot, sound, finger and picture patterns for each number.

Through the IDL context of 'Toyland', our maths will focus on sorting of different toys and data handling.

Interdisciplinary Learning - Toyland

This term our context for learning is 'Toyland'. We will be learning about this context through the curriculum areas of Social Studies, Maths and Technologies. The key questions we will explore are:

- What are toys and how do we use them?
- What are the most popular toys?
- What were toys like in the past?
- What will toys be like in the future?

Other Key Information

PE Days – Tuesday & Thursday

We will also be using the front playground joined to the P1 classroom, so please ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather (Jackets, wellies, sunscreen, overalls, etc.).

Your child can keep their PE kits and outdoor clothing in school on their pegs and please ensure all items of clothing have your child's name on them.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Snacks – Your child can have a healthy snack during morning break, it is also helpful if these are packed separately from lunch boxes. **Please note** – We are a nut free school so please avoid any nut-based snacks, e.g. Nutella, etc.

Water Bottles – Please bring a named water bottle to school each day.

United Nations Rights of a Child: In March 2023 we successfully achieved our Bronze Rights Respecting School Award. As a school we are currently working towards our Silver Award and are engaging in lots of activities to develop our children's understanding of their rights. If you'd like to learn more, then you can use the following link from Parents Club: <https://www.parentclub.scot/articles/childrens-rights>.

