



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 be developing our phonological awareness. We will be looking closely at sound discrimination, memory, rhyme and syllables. We will then begin to 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.

Our reading in term 1 will focus on exploring fiction texts, and through a range of picture books and stories.

Our writing will focus on developing detailed black pen drawings and mark making, building on children's personal experiences and imagination. We will also be using our morning 'Funky Finger' sessions to develop our fine motor skills and hand strength.

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.

In our maths we will be focusing on patterns and relationships, time and routines, and data handling.

Minibeasts

This term our topic context for learning will be 'Minibeasts'. We will be exploring this context through different curricular areas, such as Science, technologies, social studies, maths, literacy and expressive arts.

We will be learning about:

- What are minibeasts?
- Hungry Caterpillar/Days of the Week
- Habitats
- Characteristics of Minibeasts
- Data Handling
- Lifecycles

Other Key Information

PE Days – Wednesday & Thursdays

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.).

Can your child please come to school in their PE clothes on their PE days.

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 December 2024 we successfully achieved our Silver Rights Respecting School Award. As a school we are currently working towards our Gold 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>.

