

Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High

Literacy

Reading – All Primary 1 children continue to work with the Read, Write Inc Programme. Some children continue to revise the set 1 sounds whilst others have progressed to reading the Ditty sheets or working on the Red Ditty Books. Reading groups are held on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On other days we continue to work on word building and sentence building.

Writing – We will be focussing on composing short stories introducing children to creative writing using their imagination. We continue to encourage children to use their sound knowledge to spell common words and focus on who, where and when. Children will still have opportunities to mark make (write) at writing tables throughout the day.

Listening and Talking – We will be having weekly circle time sessions where children are taught to listen to each other as they take turns to contribute to the given topic. Children also have opportunities on a daily basis to listen to stories read by an adult and to discuss and give opinions on them.



Other curricular areas

Monday - P1a and P1b have music with Mrs Callaghan our music specialist. P1b also have a 2nd session with her on a Thursday.

Tuesday – P1b have French with Mrs Pringle. (P1a have French with Mrs Cummings on a Thursday.)

Wednesday – P.E. (Please ensure all children have a P.E. kit consisting of shorts, t-shirt and gym shoes in school.)

For Social Studies, we will have a focus on careers this term. Children have been discussing what they would like to be when they grow up. We are looking to organise a careers fair/ careers talk later in the term and are also currently looking into a class trip to support their learning... Look out for further details.

We have also been growing potatoes and look to extend learning around planting and growing through using cress and beans and learning about the different parts of plants.

We continue to provide opportunities to develop Fine Motor Skills in order to help with writing and cutting skills.

Other information:

- **We would really appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your children's clothing is clearly named including hats and shoes. There is a growing box of lost property in the cloakroom. Please have a look if you are missing anything.**

- We will continue to use the school library every Friday and would really appreciate the children bringing their blue book bags and library books each week so that they can be changed.

- Homework will now vary depending on the needs of different children particularly in relation to literacy. We will also be sending some numeracy tasks home too. Please check blue bags daily.

- A reminder that **toys are not to be brought into school from home** as these can be a big distraction for some pupils and we don't want toys getting lost or broken.

- In the event of hot, sunny weather, children should come to school with sun tan lotion already applied to protect skin from the effects of the sun.

Numeracy and Maths – We continue to work on numeral recognition to 30 where appropriate, and counting forward to 30 and backwards from 20, starting from various numbers. We will be consolidating the children's knowledge of number bonds within 10 through addition and will begin to explore subtraction within 10. We will be consolidating the children's knowledge of domino patterns, random patterns of dots and pairs patterns, whilst also discussing how numbers can be made in various different ways. Later in the term, we will also look at the very early stages of division, sharing concrete objects into equal groups. This ties in with our maths work where we have begun to look at fractions of halves and quarters of objects and of shapes. We will then be learning time focusing on o'clock and half past times and looking at analogue and digital clocks.

Health and Wellbeing – We have introduced "Bubble Time" into our classes where children can ask to speak to an adult if they have any issues which are concerning them or if they are having any difficulties which they need help to resolve. During Health Week we will also be looking at healthy eating and looking at the balanced diet plate. In P.E. we have been participating in different races and activities which tie in with our Sports Day and also developing our bat and ball skills through cricket.

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Dates to look out for:

- Monday 13th – Friday 17th May – Health Week.
- Tuesday 14th May – Sports Day
- Friday 17th May – Sports Day Reserve Date.
- Monday 20th May – Staff In-Service Day (school closed to pupils).
- Tuesday 28th May and Wednesday 29th May – Parent Consultations.
- Wednesday 19th June – Wider Achievement Assembly.
- Friday 28th June – End of Term