

# Primary 1G Newsletter

## Term 2

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely and relaxing October break. The children have had a great start to the year and have settled in well to the routine of Primary 1.

This term is a very busy one! Not only are we beginning to learn our sounds but soon we will also be starting to practise for the biggest show of the year- **the P1 nativity!**

In November there will also be our first parents evening appointments. This will give you the opportunity to find out how your child is progressing at school. I look forward to seeing you then!

### Literacy

We have all started to learn our sounds. The sounds we learn will help us to read and write. To support this learning, homework is posted on seesaw twice a week. Please practise formation of these letters on paper and not on electrical devices. All letters should be written in lower case, not upper case. Reading books will start to come home soon. This should be enjoyable! If at any time, your child (or you!) finds the reading homework stressful, stop. All homework is to support the learning in class, but I don't want anyone to find it stressful.

We will continue with the drawing club this term. We are alternating between setting, character and an imaginative piece. The children have been really enjoying this, and I can't wait to show you the progress at Parent's Evenings!

### Numeracy

This term we will be working on sequencing numbers, estimating and addition. As always, we will start our learning with concrete materials, then move to abstract (pictures), then written.

In Beyond Number we will be learning symmetry, shape, money and the days of the week.

## Health and Wellbeing

Our PE days continue to be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children should come to school in their PE clothes (joggers, leggings, white polo shirt, trainers and school jumper). It is vital that your child is in the correct clothing and footwear. **They cannot take part in the whole PE lesson if they are not wearing the correct clothing.**

On Tuesdays we do PE outside. If your child does not have the correct footwear, they can slip on the AstroTurf, especially as the weather gets wetter. No jewellery should be worn, and hair should be tied back on PE days.

## IDL

Our IDLs this term are emergency services, animal habitats and learning about the Nativity story.

## Homework

We continue to use Seesaw for our homework. The homework is linked directly to what we do in class, so to support your child at home please try to complete as much homework as you can.

## How can I help my child?

- Practise formation of letters, names and numbers. Please note – your child should write their name in lowercase letters except for the first letter. Try saying a number and see if your child can write the number themselves. If they struggle, write the number in a yellow pen and they can overwrite the number in pencil. This technique can be repeated for any formation.
- Read lots of stories! Stories help your child to grow their love for books and their imagination. These stories do not need to be in English, if you speak another language at home, please read in your home language. Please allow your child to hold the book and point to things like the first letter/ word and turn the pages.
- Say number sequences and ask your child what the next number is, what number is missing. Go up the number line (0, 1, 2, 3...) and down (20, 19, 18...).

## **Final note ...**

Our stay, Play and Read last term was a massive success. The children loved having you in and I hope you found it a nice experience to see what a morning is like in P1.

Just a reminder that this term's Stay, Play and Reads are:

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.**

It would be lovely to see the room full again!

If you have any concerns, please reach out to me on seesaw or through the school office.

**Mrs Gillespie**