

Primary 1A Newsletter, Term 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was lovely to meet you all on our induction days, I hope you found these helpful and settling for yourself and your little one. We are all now getting used to our daily routines and I feel I know the children so well already!

Weekly Timetable

On Fridays I will not be in class. During this time, I plan for the week, and I have my Principal Teacher responsibilities to complete. Mrs Murdoch will take the class. She will be teaching talking and listening skills, maths beyond number work, health and wellbeing and PE. She will also take the class for part of the time on a Wednesday.

Gym Days

Our gym days are Thursday and Friday. Please send your child ready for gym on these days. Black/ Blue shorts/ leggings/ joggers, trainers, white polo shirt, school jumper/ cardigan. No earrings please. **Children should wear trainers to school on these days for health and safety.**

Literacy

We are focusing on phonological awareness now which includes rhyme, sounds at the start and end of words and remembering instructions. We are also making sure that we can read and write our name. We will start learning letter sounds in a few weeks' time. Reading books will come home soon twice a week. **Please ensure your child's book is always in their school bag**

Numeracy

In maths we are concentrating on counting, recognising and writing the digits and using mathematical language to describe pictures. Mrs Murdoch will be focussing on 2D shapes and halves. We will consolidate our learning through lots of number play.

Homework

The children have all now been issued with their seesaw codes. Homework will be issued Monday to Thursday and is in relation to what we have studied that day. There is no end date for homework so if you would rather do the homework at the weekend, that is fine but please complete all homework. This will help your child to achieve their best. Homework jotters will be sent home. These do not need to be returned to school, these are for you to practise formation of letters and numbers at home.

How can I help my child?

- Discuss lunch choices with your child each day and **make the selection at home**. These can be found by going to Fuel Zone Glasgow online.
- Help your child to write their name. They should have only a capital letter at the start; the rest should be in lower case letters.
- Help your child to recognise their name. This should include when mixed in with other names.
- Read stories to them in English (and your home language where applicable). If the story has rhyme, ask them which words sounded the same? Can they think of another word that rhymes with that?
Please practise writing the number 0-9. Number formation is something many children struggle with.
- Practise counting, ask what number comes before..., after..., and between...

I am really looking forward to working with your child and helping them to achieve their best. Our learning starts as soon as the bell rings so please ensure your child is at school on time. If you have concerns, please speak to me at the school gate or contact the school office and I will call you back.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs McHutchison

P1A Class Teacher/ Principal Teacher