

# Primary 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Primary 1. I hope that you had a lovely summer and are ready for an exciting year. I am looking forward to working with your children and I'm sure we will have lots of fun along the way.

Literacy - The children will be learning two sounds a week. We will learn songs and actions that will help us remember the sounds, which I hope that you will sing along with at home. They will be doing lots of active activities in class, like writing in sand, using the iPads, painting and making the letters with different materials. Primary 1 will also have spelling words and they will be learning and practising the skill of blending sounds to make words. We will be reading lots of stories this term in order to develop a love of books and reading. They will also be introduced to the characters of Floppy, Kipper, Biff and Chip in the Oxford Reading Tree scheme. Reading books at home will always be beneficial to the children. We will be writing stories this term, focusing mostly on pencil control and basic letter formation. The children will begin by copying over writing and moving on to under-writing to develop independence.

## Numeracy

Primary 1 will be concentrating on their numbers to 10 this term. We will be practicing our counting skills in class with various active activities. They will also focus on number formation and ordering numbers. We will be learning our days of the week and using the vocabulary of yesterday and tomorrow. We will also be learning the months of the year, putting them in order. Any opportunities there are for the children to practice these at home would be appreciated.

## Topic

Health and Wellbeing – During the first few weeks of Term 1, Primary 1 will be looking at Healthy Eating. We will look at what foods are healthy/unhealthy and designing a healthy picnic. We will make our own sandwiches and have an opportunity to taste different fruit.

My Family – We will learn about our families and different families around the world. We will make our own family trees and family portraits. The children will also learn family vocabulary in French.

## Technology

We are very fortunate to have access to the iPads for our learning. The children have been using these in class for various activities. We will be using different apps in our learning, such as Doodle Buddy, Art of Glow and Book Creator.

## French

Primary 1 will be learning some French this term such as greetings (Bonjour, Au Revoir and Je m'appelle ...) and also family vocabulary.

## Specialists

Monday – Expressive Arts (Mr Ralph)

Tuesday – Science (Mrs Rankine)

Ball Skills (Mrs Gray)

Thursday – P.E. (Mrs Rankine)

## Homework – Homework given out on a Monday, and returned on the given day.

Literacy – Monday and Wednesday

As the children will be learning two different sounds in class each week, there will be homework relating to these sounds. The children will be asked to write out their sound in their best handwriting three times and then to complete an activity. They will also need to practise the song and actions.

Later in the term, the children will get word boxes home, containing their spelling words. They will be asked to practise these words with you at home.

Reading – the children will be given reading books later in the term to read with you at home.

Miss Wallace