



Welcome to the P1 newsletter. Once again, this term we have so much going on! This will give you an idea of our main topics.

Literacy

We will continue to immerse the children in well known traditional tales as a stimulus for early writing. Children will be beginning to blend phonic sounds, learning to read and write more independently. This will be done through using a range of materials such as magnetic letters and whiteboards. There will also be a focus on Scots language and poetry.

Numeracy/Maths

The children will be learning a range of positional language words (on, off, behind, beside etc) in order to describe patterns, movement and symmetry. They will be introduced to O'clock and half past times on analogue and digital clocks. The children will continue to develop their mental strategies for counting, adding and sequencing numbers.

Learning in other areas of the curriculum.

The children will continue to work with a variety of software packages to develop ICT skills alongside Literacy and Numeracy. They will become more familiar with a PC, keyboard and mouse, which will help them as they progress throughout the school. I Pads and touch screen technology will be used within the classroom too.

Art will focus on enhancing the children's understanding of line and pattern through exploring the work of well known artists. This will involve experiencing a range of materials and art techniques.

Health & Wellbeing

In P1, children are introduced to Mauricewood "Learning Power Characters", through stories. These characters help the children to develop a positive way of thinking, encouraging them to use specific strategies to reach their goals and to believe in their ability to succeed. Circletimes will also explore emotions and changes in our lives.

Other Information

- P. E. will be on a Monday and Thursday. Your child should bring tee-shirt, shorts, gym shoes and socks in a named gym bag.
- Please make sure your child bring their reading book and record every day.
- If possible, please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water.

The children are developing their understanding of what it means to be a responsible citizen. This will evolve as the term goes on, but will encourage the children to take pride in wider aspects of the school