Happy New Year!
I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Winter Break. I would also like to thank all of you for your amazing support throughout our Nativity rehearsals and performances. Primary 1 have already had a very busy start to 2020 and were particularly excited to begin our new topic – The Sun, Moon and Stars.

Topic
This term we are learning all about The Sun, Moon and Stars. We have already made a start to this topic by beginning to think about all of the things we already know. We then had lots of questions that we would like to find out the answer to during our topic.

Literacy
We will continue to work on our sounds, revisiting those that we have already learned in order to ensure we can remember them and also beginning to learn some new sounds.

We are also looking at rhyming words within familiar rhymes. Our writing will still follow the ‘Talk 4 Writing’ frame and the children will learn a new story, giving them a chance to broaden their vocabulary.

Numeracy & Maths
We will continue to work on our number recognition, number formation and counting forwards and backwards from any given number. We will also be looking at number bonds up to 10 and 20.

This term we will also be looking at pattern making and tessellation. We will then move on to begin telling the time.

Homework
Homework will this term for p1G will now be given out on a Tuesday and returned to school on the Monday. I am aware that many children take part in weekday extra-curricular activities and require the weekend in order to be able to give the necessary time to their homework. There will be a new numeracy grid coming home this term. Please continue to complete one activity per week. As always, if you have any questions about this please don’t hesitate to ask.

P.E. & Dance
P.E. days this term are Monday and Tuesday. Our Monday slot will be with myself and we are very lucky to have a specialist Dance teacher, Mrs Smith, who will take the class every Tuesday.

Please ensure your child has a change of shoes, t-shirt (no football colours please) and shorts, all clearly labelled with their name.

I appreciate your continued support in making sure your child is wearing uniform that is easy to get on and off as we are continuing to promote independence when changing.
**Other Specialists**

**Art:** We will continue to have Art on, this term we will have our slot on a Thursday with Miss Welsh.

**Music:** We have Music on a Wednesday with Mrs McInroy this term.

**Ways you can support**

- Thank you for supporting the children to line up independently, this helps to make sure they are ready for the school day.
- Ensuring that children bring a small snack each day to have at breaktime.
- Continue to encourage children to independently ‘have a go’ at zips, buttons and dressing themselves.

**Top Tips to support learning:**

- Reading stories together and asking questions about the story.
- Counting any items/objects in the house or out and about.
- Playing games like ‘Eye Spy’, in the car for example - encouraging them to remember to use initial sounds to answer.
- We have begun to explore the ‘Woodburn Learning Skills’ and so far have covered: Have a Go Hedgehog, Concentration Cuckoo. We will be moving on to look at Teamwork Tarantula and Motivation Monkey. Ask your child the last time they were a ‘have a go hedgehog’ etc.

**Upcoming Events**

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**Communication**

Feel free to catch me at the end of the day if you have any queries. My door is always open so please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

You can also keep up with what we have been learning on our school Twitter account.

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