**Welcome**

My name is Mrs Glennon and I would like to extend a warm welcome to Primary 1 at Woodburn. We have had a fantastic start to the year and have really settled in well to classroom life. The children are starting to get the hang of daily classroom routines and are enjoying learning new things every day 😊

**Class Charter**

Based on the ‘United Nations Rights of a Child’ and behaviour policy we have three main rules in our school:

- **Be Kind** (Article 15 - the right to have friends and join in games)
- **Be Safe** (Article 19 - the right to be safe and not hurt by anyone)
- **Work Hard** (Article 29 - the right to learn new things)

We have all ‘promised’ to try our best to follow these rules.

**PI Literacy**

We are focussing on our fine motor skills and some of us are trying to use a ‘tripod’ pencil grip. We have started learning our initial sounds and we are learning how to write these in a cursive formation. We will be beginning to word build basic CVC words (for example: tap, pan, at) using the sounds we know well on our magnetic letter board.

We will begin learning basic tricky words (for example: I, to, the) and try to recognise these. We will begin using wordless story books to support our story recall and our understanding of a text.

We are focussing on building our picture detailing.

**PI Numeracy**

- Number recognition
- Number formations
- Sequencing numbers forwards/backwards
- Oral counting forwards/backwards from different starting numbers
- Collection counting skills

**PI Maths**

- Names of the days of the week
- Ordering days of the week
- Understand before/after, morning/afternoon, yesterday/tomorrow
- Ordering events of the day throughout the year linking weather to the seasons.

**Homework**

Homework will be given out on a Monday and returned to school on the Friday. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

**IDL (Interdisciplinary Learning)**

Our topic this term is a ‘Literature Study’ focussing on ‘The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch’. We are learning how to: share our ideas and ask quality questions, invent our own stories, expand our vocabulary, describe characters and are exploring voice, movement and expression through drama.
Throughout each day we have opportunities to learn through play. Our play activities are linked to our Literacy, Numeracy or Topic learning. We also have more open ended/free play activities in the week and this includes our Atrium Play and Fun31.

**Specialists**

**PE:** We will have gym on Wednesday with Miss Bertram and a Friday with myself and P1B.
On gym days please make sure your child is wearing uniform that is easy to get on and off. Please ensure their clothing is labelled with their name and remember to have water only in their water bottles.

**Art:** We have Art on a Monday with Miss Welsh.

**Music:** We have Music on a Thursday with Mrs Callaghan.

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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.

@woodburnps