

### Health and Wellbeing

All pupils in school are following a HWB being programme based on building resilience. In class we have been looking at what the word resilience means. We have been talking about times we have found things a bit tricky and how we can help each other and ourselves during these times. We will be looking at stories and talking about different situations which can help us build resilience.

We will be using our Fieldie 'Resilient Rhys' as a good example.

### Home-School Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. Please contact the school office by telephone or email—they will be happy to answer any queries you may have or if you wish to speak to me on the phone and I will return your call.

I have sent out invitations for SeeSaw—an online app we will be using to share our P1 experiences. This will allow you to see some of the learning your child is doing in class. Please get in touch if you need any help with this or need a new invitation.

### Our Fieldies

We have been beginning to learn about language of learning through our Fieldies. These are characters created by pupils which encourage all parts of being a good learning. So far we have been introduced to Resilient Rhys.

### Achievement Book

We are keen to celebrate pupils achievements and successes outside of school, as well as in school. I will be keeping an 'Achievement Book' to log all pupils wider achievements. Please share photos/videos through Seesaw or pupils could bring in certificates/medals/share stores with the class.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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## Welcome

It has been lovely welcoming all our new Primary 1 children in to Mayfield Primary School. I am very proud of every child for settling so quickly in to the new routines and expectations of school life. I am loving getting to know them all and looking forward to working with them and the families over the next year.

## General Information

Please make sure your child brings a suitable jacket for the ever changing weather as we will be outside for break and lunch as much as possible (except on very wet days or in extreme weather conditions.)

Please ensure your child brings a small snack for playtime and a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day.

**It would be appreciated if you could put names on all belongings to help us return found property to the rightful owner.**

## Primary 1 school day -

Monday- Thursday: 9am-3:30pm

Morning break: 10.45-11am

Lunch time: 12:30-1:15pm

Friday: 9am-12:15pm

## P.E.

This term, we will have PE on Tuesdays in the school gym hall. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for running around in - due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to get changed for PE within school at this time.

## Other members of staff in P1

Mrs Stamp will cover the class some Tuesday afternoons and Mrs Perry (the music specialist) will cover the class for part of Friday mornings.

We are also very lucky to get the help from some learning assistants throughout the week; mainly Mrs Clark and Mrs Hamilton.

## Topic/IDL

This term our topic will be People Who Help Us. We will learn about the emergency services as well as people in school and our local area who help us. This topic will explore expressive arts, play activities and some aspects of technology.

## Literacy

We have began our phonics programme which is called 'Read, Write Inc'. Pupils will be learning 4 sounds per week. We will spend time each day looking at the formation of the letter by learning a rhyme and looking at words which contain this sound. In reading, the children will experience a free choice of books from our class library and will have class stories read to them each day. Reading books will be not be sent home at this time.

## Numeracy and Maths

This term we will be developing our understanding of number by working on formation, simple number sequences, ordering of number and value of numbers. Over the week, we will be covering number structures, numerals, number stories and grouping/sharing. The children have already enjoyed completing written tasks, games on the smart board/i-pads and play based numeracy activities.

In Maths we will start by looking at length, weight, volume and capacity.

## Class Expectations and Rewarding Positive Behaviour

We have been working on our class charter. This is a set of rules we decided on together to ensure our class is a happy and safe place to be. We use these rules to move pupils names up the behaviour chart, rewarding positive choices. They are rewarded with certificates, stickers and verbal praise. These can also be moved down if they require some reminders about our class rules.

I have been so impressed with the pupils adapting to their new environment so quickly. They are such a caring and positive class.

(Below: our class charter. Right: Behaviour chart)

