Primary 1 Newsletter

HWB
This term we will be concentrating on learning new routines and understanding expectations for learning within our play-based environment. We will be learning about eating healthy food and discussing what foods are good and bad for our bodies. Mr Deed will be taking P1 for gym every Tuesday and if you haven’t already, please send in a gym kit, clearly labelled. Gym shoes will be used during the day if outdoor shoes are particularly muddy, wet, covered in grass or snow. Weather can be very changeable throughout the day so it is always a good idea to send your child with a jacket. Your child is welcome to keep a set of spare wellies in school, particularly for the winter months.

Literacy
Children are enjoying learning new sounds and ways to blend them together to make words. They can decide how they want to practice letter formation and are encouraged in class to use a variety of activities. Some children enjoy practising on a whiteboard while others prefer a hands on approach using, for example, playdoh and sensory trays. Adults regularly work with groups of children to check their understanding of the sounds learned and ability to blend in order to read words.

Numeracy and Maths
We will be focusing on Number Word Sequences and Number Structures at an appropriate level for your child. We will be learning finger patterns, dot and ten frame patterns and using dice and dominoes for instant recognition of numbers. We will develop our knowledge of number recognition, sequencing, counting forwards and backwards, working out one more / less and matching numerals to objects. We plan to look at patterns in our environment and create our own patterns using various play opportunities.

Learning at home
New sounds will be put in book bags on a Friday so it is so important that book bags are brought every day. After learning 6 sounds we will spend a week revising and consolidating sounds known so far with an emphasis on putting sounds together to read words. Please use the sound cards or magnetic letters to build words with your child at home. Some ideas about how to help your child with numeracy will be sent home when appropriate.

Parent Council Rep
It was agreed at a parent council meeting there would be a representative for each class. The representative for primary 1 is Emma Hutt. If you have any issues or suggestions that you want brought up and discussed at future meetings please contact her.

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You can keep up with what is going on in primary 1 by following us on Twitter
Ms Herd - @msaherd
Miss Brodie - @MissBrodie2
Roslin - @RoslinPS

Please don’t hesitate to ask any questions if you are unsure about anything. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout their time in P1.

Ms A Herd and Miss L Brodie