

# Primary 1a Newsletter

Term One

Welcome back!



We hope you all had a marvelous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



## Literacy and English

This term, P1a are using Jolly Phonics to learn letter sounds, actions and songs. They will also be working on the correct formation of the letter sounds and will start to blend sounds to make simple words – e.g. c-a-t.

Pupils will also work on their talking and listening skills by sharing their ideas, feelings and experiences.

## Numeracy and mathematics

P1a will be learning about numbers up to 8 and will take part in active activities to create and continue simple patterns. They will also learn about 2D shapes and the seasons, months and days of the week. They will also discover different ways to present information such as pictograms.

## Expressive arts

P1a will create art work linked to our topic – Mini-Beasts. They will use different materials during activities such as collage and create their own mini-beasts

This term, P1a will have music input from a *Youth Music Initiative* tutor. They will also learn songs and take part in activities based on our class topic.

## Science

P1a will be learning about different mini-beasts, their habitats and what they eat. We will hopefully be getting some special mini-beast visitors in our classes.

## Health and wellbeing

P1 will take part in weekly PAtHs sessions (*Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies*).

During PE, the class will focus on movement and games. They will learn to move across the room using different body parts and will have an awareness of space.

PE days will be Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to pack gym kits and water bottles.

## Religious and moral education

P1a will learn about values through Circle Time and other activities. They will also learn about the story of David and Goliath.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

## Technologies

This term, P1a will have the opportunity to take photos of each other in order to build on their camera skills. This will be linked to activities during our class topic. They will also learn to identify parts of a computer and will use their coordination to navigate a mouse.

## Homework

- *Jolly Phonics* sounds – actions/songs and letter formation
- Number work – number recognition and correct formation of numbers 1- 8
- *Oxford Reading Tree*: words to learn



### Dates for your diary:

w/b 5<sup>th</sup> September: Global Citizenship Week  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept / Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Holiday Weekend  
w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Health Week

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Holiday  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Start of Term 2