

# Primary 1a Newsletter

Term Two

October - December

The nights are fair drawing in....



Wrap up warm, and stay safe  
when you're out and about!



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 will use Jolly Phonics to learn the next set of letter sounds, actions and songs. They will work on the correct formation of the letters and will be encouraged to blend sounds together to make simple words – e.g. s-a-t = sat.

The class will continue to read Oxford Reading Tree stories. They will also start to develop their writing by learning about full stops, capital letters and simple sentences.

Pupils will work on their talking and listening skills by speaking and performing in front of an audience during the Christmas Nativity.

## Numeracy and mathematics

P1a will be learning about numbers up to 10 and beyond and will take part in active activities to develop counting. They will also learn about money and use pennies up to 10p. The class will be introduced to simple addition and will also learn about 3D shapes.

## Expressive arts

P1a will create art work linked to our topic, Keeping Myself Safe, and Autumn as part of their learning about the seasons and Bonfire Night. Later in the term they will take part in Christmas-themed art activities.

This term, P1a will have music input from a YMI tutor and build on their learning about beat, pitching, singing and listening skilling.

They will also learn songs for the Christmas Nativity as well as develop their drama and talking skills.

## Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be gymnastics.

Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE days this term are Wednesday and Friday.

P1a will continue to take part in weekly PATHS sessions (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) and will focus on specific emotions. They will also learn about fire, road and internet safety as part of our class topic.

## Religious and moral education

This term, P1a will learn about David and Goliath as well as the Christmas Nativity story.

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

## Technologies

This term, P1a will design and create a 3D model. They will also learn more about the parts of a computer and how they are used. The class will also learn about internet safety as part of our topic.

P1a will have a PGDE student teacher from Strathclyde University working with them this term - Miss Melville. She will be working on a technology project based around Christmas and the Nativity.

## Homework

- Jolly Phonics Sounds – actions/songs and letter formation.
- Number work
- Oxford Reading Tree words to learn
- Reading Books
- 3d shape project – junk modelling



### Dates for your diary:

23<sup>rd</sup> November: Winter Fair

12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity performances

20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas parties

20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School closes at 14:30

Thu 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Holiday

4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Start of Term 3