

Welcome to P1

Welcome to the new school year of 2016/17, and welcome to P1! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. I would like to introduce myself, Miss Mhairi Stephen, and I will be teaching Primary 1. I am looking forward to working with your children this year, and have enjoyed meeting you all at the Parent workshops etc.

Timetable

ICT - Monday afternoon with the specialist, Mrs Grant.

P.E - Tuesday morning with the specialist, Mrs Heatherwick; and Wednesday afternoon.

Drama - Thursday afternoon with the specialist, Mrs Potts.

Library - Friday morning. Please make sure your child has their school library book so that they can return it and choose a new one. Thanks.

Homework



Every **Monday**, pupils will be issued phonics, spelling and maths homework, to be completed and returned on the **Friday** of that week. As mentioned at the parent workshops, homework each week will be indicated on the homework note. Children may also have specific reading homework some weeks i.e. character recognition, name and picture matching etc, but they will not have any books home before the holidays.

Our Five Senses



will be learning about the 5 senses that we

Topic

Primary 1 will be studying '**Senses and Myself**' as their topic this term. The children

have, how they are used, and why we need them. They will also be learning about themselves - the physical body, where they will learn the names of body parts and essential organs etc - and the emotional side, where they will learn to understand feelings and why they may feel a certain way at certain times.

Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being

Children will be learning their **phonics** sounds twice a week - Monday and Thursday for the introduction of the new sounds. They will be practising them in class, but help at home with homework is extremely beneficial for your child, and greatly appreciated!

Spelling will also be done in class for the core practise, but help by going over the common words from their tub every night, and in remembering the order of letters in words, is greatly appreciated.

Writing this term will be stimulated by stories we read in class, children's personal experiences, or stem from aspects of our topic.



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Reading this term will be done in class from big books, and be teacher led. It will be followed up with comprehension activities which will link to prior learning, and develop skills such as prediction and recall.



Although children don't have reading books home this term, it is encouraged to read to/with your child as much as possible to develop their vocabulary, and love of reading.

Maths this term will begin with whole number knowledge where the children will be gaining a fuller understand of the concepts of numbers to 10, and what they represent. We will also

look at some aspects of information handling later this term.

For **Health and Wellbeing**, Primary 1 will cover aspects of this through our topic work.



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We will also be discussing how to be a good friend, and sharing etc.

Science, Technology and Social Subjects

Primary 1 will cover **science** related outcomes through our topic of senses when we are investigating how they work.



We will cover **social studies** outcomes as part of the topic as we understand 'Myself'. The children will be talking about where they live and maybe learning out about the world of work.

Your child will be using **technology** within the classroom i.e. the SMARTboard to play interactive games on, and to watch learning clips, videos and songs on; and be developing skills with the ICT specialist during her time.

Expressive Arts and RME

Art this term will be based around our topic and calendar events i.e. McMillan Coffee morning.

Drama this term is being taught by the Drama specialist, Mrs Potts.

RME this term will focus on Christian stories and beliefs, and the understanding of fairness and sharing.

Home Time

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Please make sure there is an adult there for your child when going home. If for any reason the usual arrangement for your child going home changes, please make the school aware by a phonecall, or a note in the home-school book.



Also, if your child is a bus pupil and isn't using the transport for a specific reason i.e. going to a friends to play, hospital appointment etc; then please make sure the **bus driver AND the school** are made aware! Thanks!

Contact

If there is anything you would like to speak to me about/any worries/questions you may have about P1 or your child in P1, please come and speak to me about them. Phone the school to make an appointment for after school, or catch me when I take the children out. I am more than happy to help, and will do what I can.



Thanks, and I hope you and your child enjoy P1!