



### Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable October holidays. We have a very busy term ahead of us, with lots of learning and Christmas fast approaching too!

### 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 ensure you return the book every week. If not, your child cannot choose a new book until it has been returned.\*\***

### Homework



Every **Monday**, pupils will be issued phonics, spelling and maths homework, to be completed and returned on the **Friday** of that week.

Homework each week will be indicated on the homework note.

Children will also have reading homework from now on. Their books will go home on a **Tuesday** after reading in class, and should be returned on **Thursday** so they can be given to a different group on Friday. Books will then go home again on **Friday**, and should be returned on **Monday**.

Please read the book with your child a few times over the 2 nights you have the book, to help with word decoding and word recognition.



Encourage your child to talk about what is happening in the pictures etc, but please make sure they are aware that you only read the words that are written on the page - not to add in extras of their own. Also, please ensure they are following each word they say using their magic finger - this helps them keep track of what they are reading, and encourages them to take it word at a time, not rushing on.

### Topic

#### Our Five Senses



Primary 1 will continue studying 'Senses and Myself' as their topic this term. The children have already learned about sight, hearing and touch; so will be learning about the other 2 senses - taste and smell this term. Through this topic, the children are also learning about themselves - the physical body, and the names and uses for some other different parts of the body.

### Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being

Children will be learning their **phonics** sounds twice a week, and will be practising them in class. New sounds are introduced on Monday and Thursday. 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 by asking your child to write the word after you have read it to them, is again, appreciated.

**Writing** this term will be stimulated by stories we have read in class, children's personal experiences, stem





from aspects of our topic or be seasonal.

**Maths** this term will continue with whole number knowledge where the children will be gaining a fuller understanding of the concepts of numbers, and what they represent. We will be moving onto basic addition and subtraction, and shape.

For **Health and Wellbeing**, Primary 1 will be continuing to work on building positive relationships with others, and will continue to explore children's rights as stated by the "UN conventions of the Right of a Child".

### Science, ICT 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 may be talking about where they live and learning out about the world of work by finding out what parents do etc.



**ICT** this term is being taught by the ICT specialist, Mrs Grant. Your children will also be using other technology within the classroom i.e. ipads, the SMARTboard to play interactive games on, and to watch learning clips, videos and songs on.

### Expressive Arts and RME

**Art** this term will be for the Christmas Fair and will be based around the calendar i.e. winter etc.

**Music and Drama** this term will stem for the small production that P1-3 perform at the

Christmas Service, with the help of the Drama specialist, Mrs Potts.

**RME** this term will focus on Christian stories and beliefs; the understanding of fairness and sharing; Diwali and Christmas.

### Home Time

If for any reason the usual arrangement for your child going home from school 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 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 make an appointment to speak to me after school. I am more than happy to help, and do what I can!

