



Welcome Back

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and a good new year. We have a very busy, and long, term ahead of us; but it will be full of learning and lots of fun!

Timetable

P.E - Monday and Tuesday afternoons with myself. Please remember to put socks in the PE kits for girls if they are wearing tights.

HWB - Tuesday afternoon led by the HWB specialist, Mrs Buchan.

Music - Wednesday afternoon, led by the music specialist, Miss McConnochie.

Drama - Thursday morning, led by the drama specialist, Mrs PV.

ICT - Thursday afternoon, led by the ICT specialist, Mrs Grant.

Library - Friday morning. Please ensure you return the library book every week.

Homework



Homework will continue to be issued on a **Monday**, to be completed by a **Friday**.

Can I please ask that you make sure **reading books are returned on a Monday and a Thursday**, because other reading groups are waiting to use these books. Sometimes last term, this was unable to happen because not all books were returned on time, which can then lead to confusion. Thanks.



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

Primary 1 will be enjoying a topic about '**Percy the Park Keeper**' this term. This is a topic based around the outside environment, learning about some animals and their habitats, and has an eco-element, where we will learn about the jobs that Percy has to do to keep his park clean and tidy, and safe for the animals. The topic activities will span the different areas of the curriculum and I'm sure your child will enjoy this topic.



Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being

Children will be learning their **phonics** sounds and will be practising them in class. New sounds are introduced on a Monday, but may span a few weeks now because we are moving onto 2 consonant sounds i.e. th, sh, ng, ch, ee, oo etc. Help at



home with homework is extremely beneficial for your child, and is always appreciated.


Spelling will 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 greatly appreciated.

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

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 move onto money, measure and some aspects of shape again - symmetry.

Health and Wellbeing is being taught by the HWB specialist Mrs Buchan this term where the children will be learning about how to deal with change and loss, who they can turn to, and how they can try to help others who may feel this way.

Science, ICT and Social Subjects

Primary 1 will cover different **science** outcomes this term  when studying aspects of water, living things and how plants grow as part of their topic.

We will cover **social studies** outcomes as part of the topic.

ICT this term will be used to enhance your child's learning - SMARTboard



games, ipads; including their session with the ICT specialist, Mrs Grant.

Expressive Arts and RME

Art this term is will be related to the calendar i.e. Burns Day, Easter etc; and our topic - Percy the Park Keeper.

Music this term is being taught by the music specialist, Miss McConnochie.

Drama this term will be taught by the drama specialist, Mrs PV.

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

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**.

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!

