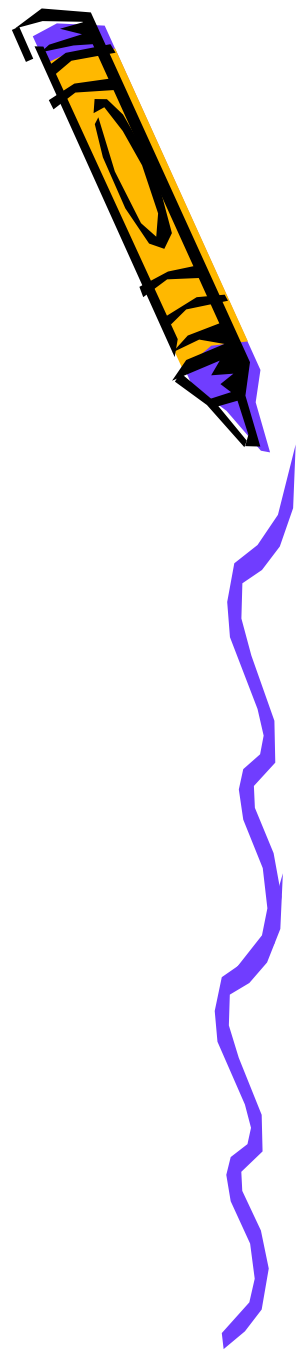
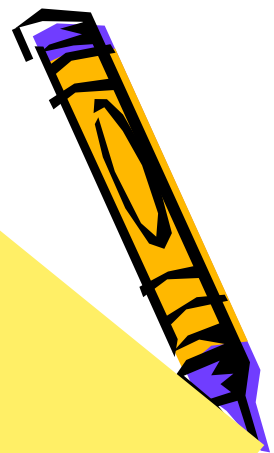


Hawthornden Primary School



Primary 1
Parents' Meeting
2nd June 2021





"The process of transition occurs over time beginning well before children start school and extending to the point where children and families feel a sense of belonging to school and when educators recognise this sense of learning"

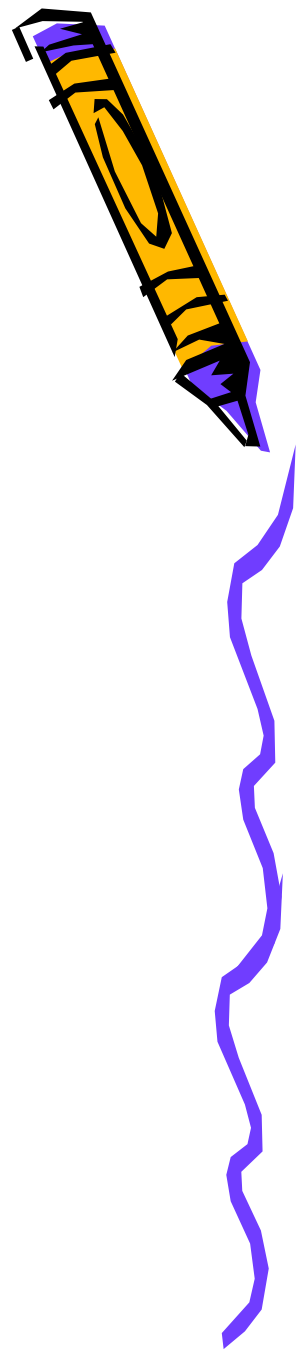


Welcome to our school



Learning, Today, Tomorrow, Forever

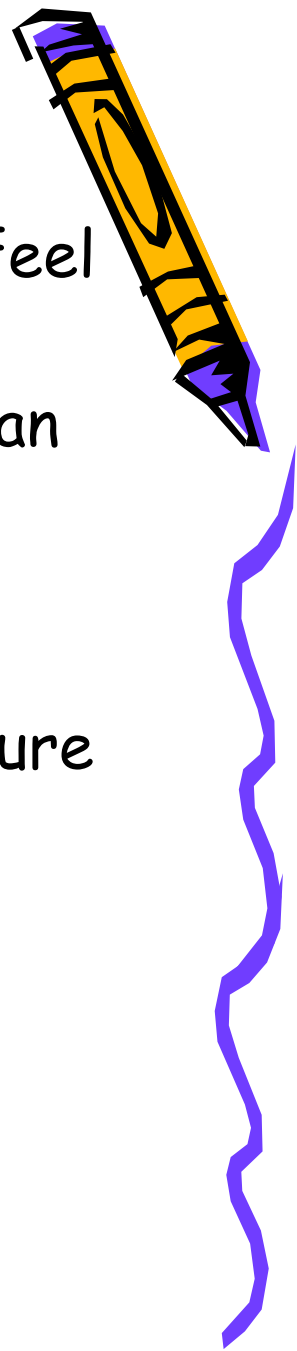
#NurturingDen #LearningDen #CelebratingDen



School Vision and Values

- **Nurturing Den** - all learners at Hawthornden feel valued in a safe, nurturing environment
- **Learning Den** - The children understand and can describe what they are learning, how they are learning and where they will go next
- **Celebrating Den** - We share progress and celebrate successes. We work together to ensure that our children reach their full potential

- Positivity
- Respect
- Inclusive
- Determination
- Empathy



Our Primary 1 Team

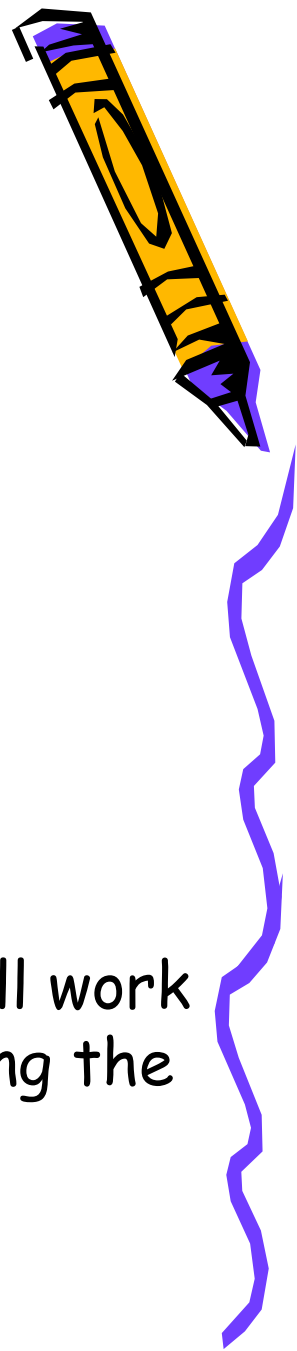


Primary 1a - Miss Cairns

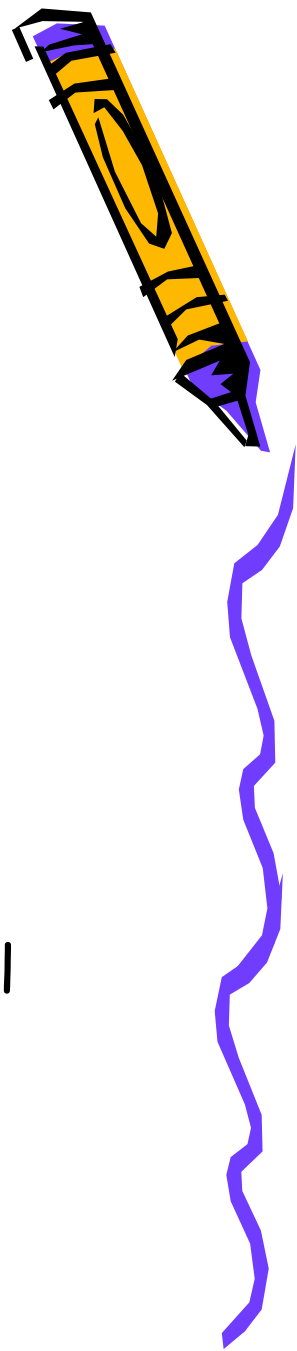


Primary 1b - Miss Hogg

Children split into 2 classes for registration but will work together and may change according to need during the year.



Transition



- All virtual this term
- 2nd Transition Assembly on Wed 9th June at 1.30pm with their teachers
- Phone calls and zooms with nursery staff
- Information Packs - letters back to the school office



First Week at School



- First day of school will be Wednesday 18th August

Children will visit in two small groups:

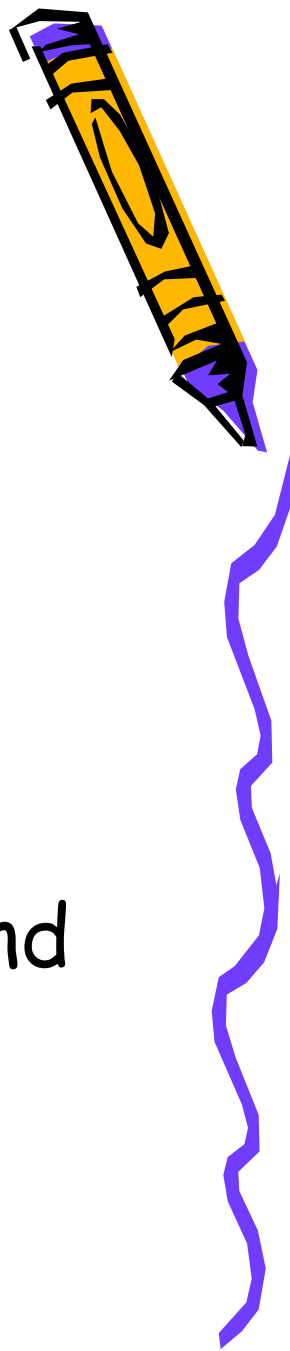
9.15am - 10.15am and 11am-12pm (email to follow with groups)

- Thursday 19th August
 - all children 9.15am - 11.45am
- Friday 20th August
 - 8.45/9am - 12.20pm (lunch trial)

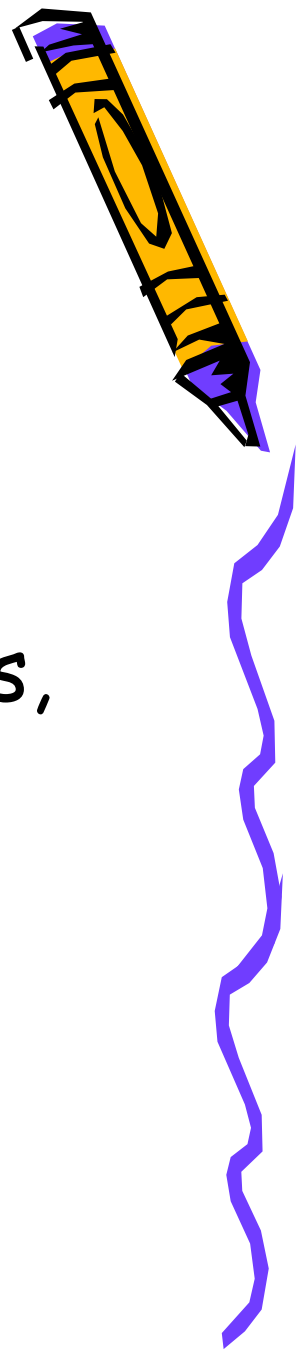


Second Week

- Full time
- 8.45/9am - 3.15pm
- Where to go - infant playground and you will be directed!



Curriculum for Excellence



- The purpose:
- Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Effective Contributors, Responsible Citizens.
- A well rounded, happy, capable member of society.



Levels - Early, 1st, 2nd

The best practice in early years

International evidence shows that children under the age of seven benefit from an educational approach that supports their all-round physical, emotional, social and cognitive development, rather than pushing them towards early academic achievement.

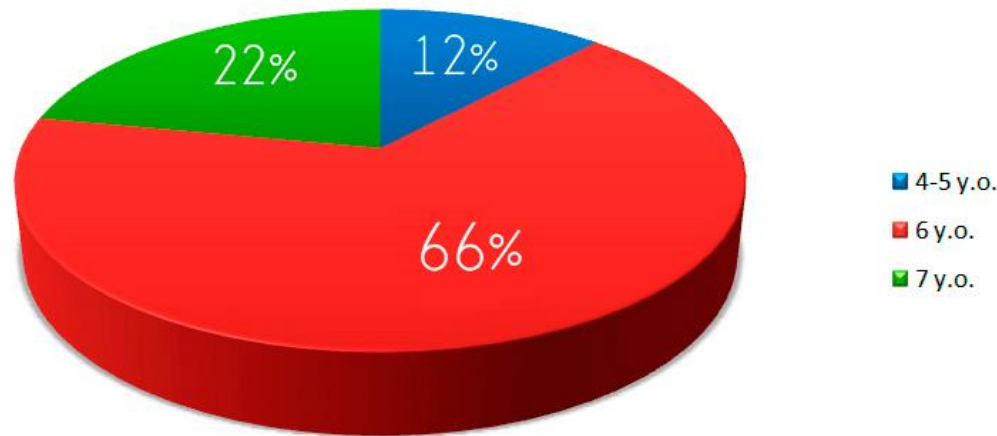


We all want the best start for our children



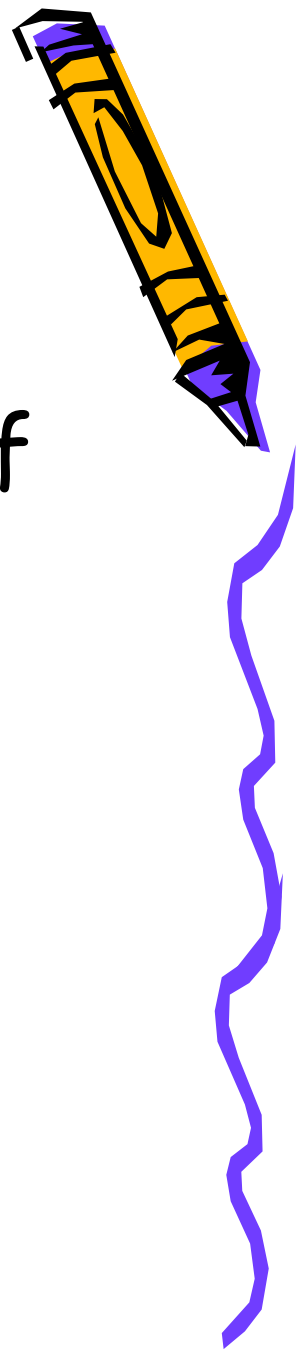
However there's no educational advantage to an early start. International research has found that children who are taught literacy skills from the age of five do no better in the long run than those who start at seven - results even out by the time they're in double figures.

School starting ages around the world

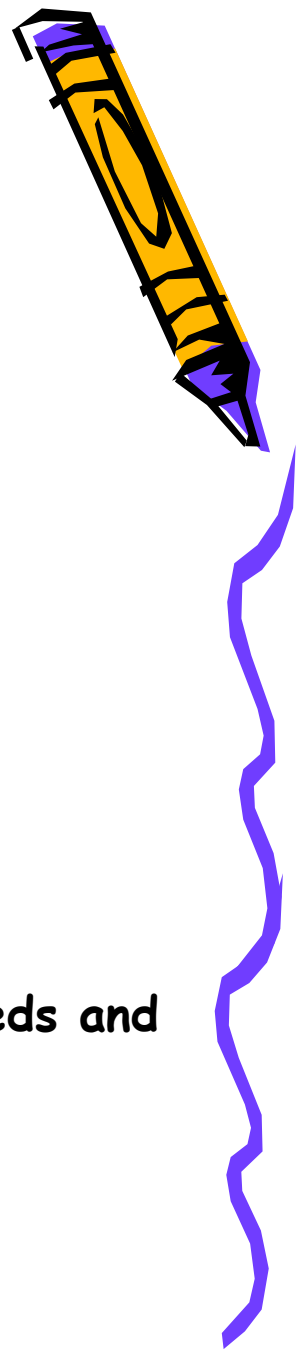


Play is the way that children naturally learn!

It's a tried-and-tested way of
preparing children to be
successful lifelong learners.



What we teach



Phonics - sounds of the English language - alphabet plus more
- early stages of reading and writing

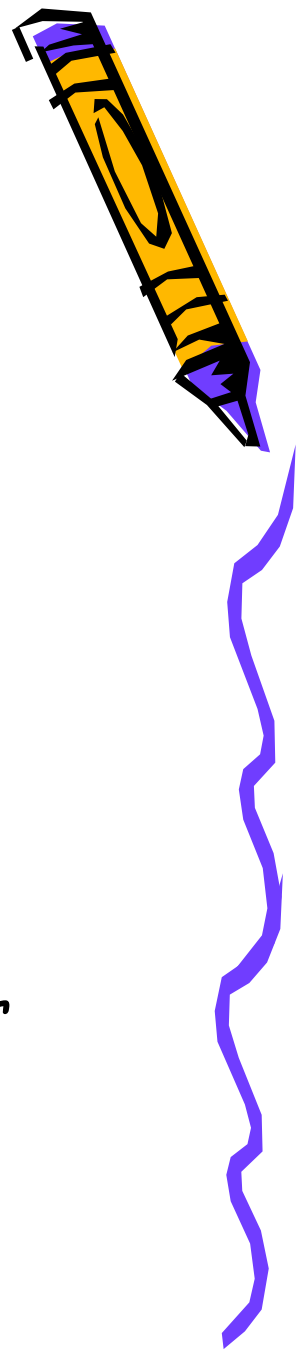
Numeracy - early number work

PE, social studies, science, art, drama, music and RME

Will change as the year goes on according to the children's needs and development.



Primary 1 at Hawthornden



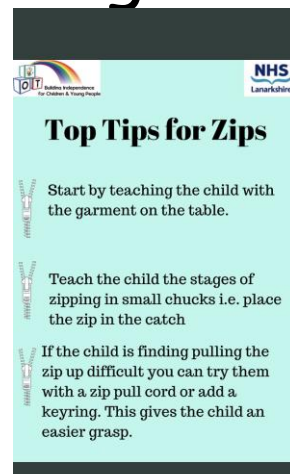
- 2 class rooms - Primary 1a and Primary 1b
- Continuous Provision - classroom play areas with a play based approach
- Regular access to the outdoors
- Focus on building relationships
- Child lead
- Pace dependent on readiness of each child

'We need to make our school ready for your children, not make your children ready for our school.'

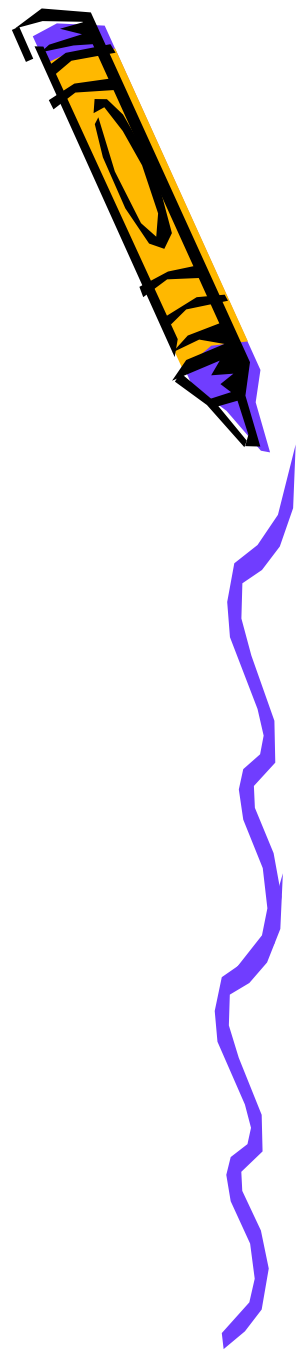


However, there are some things you can/could do over the summer to support this process...

- Encourage independent dressing and shoes
 - Lots of gross and fine motor work - play park, beach, drawing etc
 - Set a bed time routine
 - Lots of stories, songs, counting.... and fun!
- ... Oh and label everything!



Break and Lunch Time



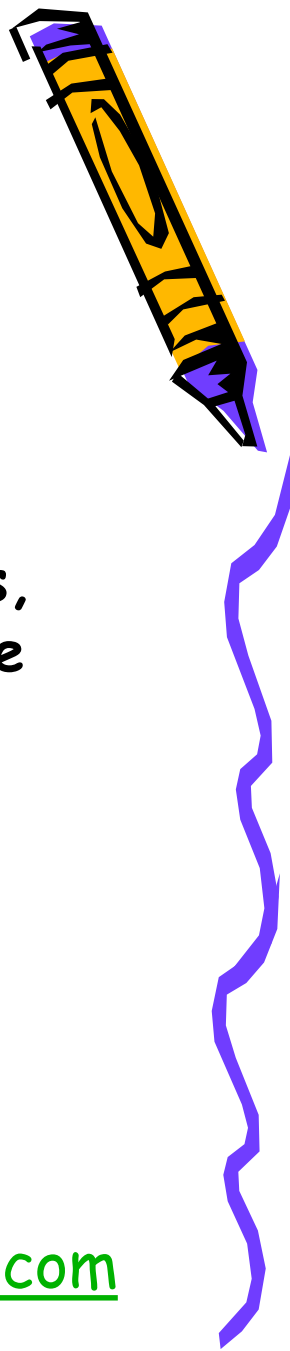
School Uniform

- You can wear:
- A grey or black sweatshirt or jumper
- A white, yellow or black polo shirt
- Children can wear grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore or a yellow checked dress in the summer
- All children should wear black shoes
- Most important – able to play in them!



Ordering labelled uniform:

<https://hawthorndenps.imagescotland.com>



What to bring?



- An appropriate coat/jacket/footwear
 - Snack for break time
 - Water bottle
 - Packed lunch (if not having a school lunch)
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- No need for pencil cases
 - No toys from home



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