

Homework

The start date for homework is Monday 2nd September. Homework in general will be handed out at the beginning of the term in the form of a grid covering all curricular areas. These can be completed in any order. Many activities will be active tasks which should be fun for the pupil to complete and can then be marked off on the sheet with a date. A jotter will be provided for any written tasks or parental feedback.

Meet the teacher

There is a meet the teacher event taking place on Wednesday 18th September between 4.45-5.30pm. This will give you an opportunity to look at the resources used in Primary 1 and see how the day is structured. It is also a good opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

BOATS (Bring Our Adults To School)

Throughout the year we have sessions when you can come into class and see how P1 learn. It is an opportunity for the class to showcase what they have been learning. We will be in touch with specific dates for this.

Also, we would love to have you in school to support our pupils. This may be helping out during lessons or supporting small groups. Or if you would prefer to help with admin jobs, there are always resources to prepare for lessons. We will have a sign-up sheet at the meet the teacher event if this is something you are interested in.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help and support so far this year and for making me feel so welcome at Mayfield Primary School.

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Primary 1 Newsletter
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Welcome

What a fantastic start to P1, the pupils have really impressed everyone at Mayfield by coming in so settled, ready to learn and of course, having fun. I am loving getting to know all the individual personalities and will continue building strong relationships and trust so the children feel safe, happy and nurtured in school.

General Information

Each day, please ensure your child brings a snack for playtime and a named water bottle for them to drink from throughout the day.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us to look after your child's clothing and belongings by clearly labelling **all** items, that way we can ensure any found items can be returned to the rightful owner.

We will begin to use blue book bags to send homework and letters home, these should then be brought back in with your child everyday.

P.E.

We will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday this term. Every child should have a PE kit which should be left in school and will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed if you wish to do so.

Topic/IDL

Our first topic is going to be Farming. Pupils will investigate how food gets from farm to fork. Below are some of the areas we plan to explore:

- Where our food comes from, local produce and food which travels across the world to reach us.
- Different kinds of farming such as; arable, dairy and pastoral.
- Investigate our local area by looking at and creating our own maps and identifying simple features.

This interdisciplinary topic will also involve art, music, drama and technology lessons.

Literacy

We will be following a comprehensive literacy programme called 'Read, Write, Inc' which runs throughout the school. It is a phonic based programme which covers many aspects of literacy. We will also be reading and completing tasks linking to farm using fiction books. Once a week, the pupils will be completing a session focussing on developing writing skills following the 'Big Writing' scheme. These are imaginative and interactive 'missions' for the pupils to complete.

Numeracy and Maths

In numeracy, we have began exploring the formation and value of numbers. Pupils will be learning to read, recognise and write numbers to 10/20. We will be counting up and down orally and complete tasks which involve ordering and sequencing numbers.

Home-School Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact. I will always be available at the beginning and end of the school day in the playground. If you would prefer to make an appointment to discuss any matters, please contact the school office.

Class Expectations and Rewarding Positive Behaviour

As a class, we had a discussion based on what makes a happy, safe and hardworking pupil. Together we agreed the following points should be included in our class charter:

1. Always use kind words and hands.
2. Keep ourselves and others safe.
3. Look after school property and our classroom.
4. Always ask an adult before leaving the classroom.
5. Always trying our best.