

**NEWTONGRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent and Carers,

We have loved welcoming the learners into Primary 1 and are looking forward to having a fun year of learning and exploring through play. Below is an outline of our planned learning for term 1, we look forward to continue getting to know the learners.

### Primary 1 – Term 1

<b>We are learning:</b>	
<p><b>Health and Wellbeing</b>          We are continuing to become familiar with and following the P1 routines while developing a growth mindset to support us when faced with challenges in learning.          We will be thinking about making and developing friendships while talking about and sharing our feelings.          We will also take part in physical education, playground games and we will be learning new skills through play.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b>          We will have a focus on forming our letters correctly using the Read, Write Inc. stories. Following on from this we will be able to recognise initial sounds and blend sounds together to read CVC words.          With support we will create a simple story/piece of writing.          Talking and listening during Circle Time will allow us to understand turn taking and use of an appropriate volume of voice.</p>
<p><b>Numeracy and Mathematics</b>          In term 1 we will be focusing on:          Counting, recognising and sequencing numbers to 20.          Counting forwards and backwards to 20 and beyond.          Forming all numbers correctly.          Identifying shapes in the environment. Identifying 2D and 3D shapes and discussing their properties. Recognising, copying and creating simple patterns.</p>	<p><b>Ethos and Wider Life of the School</b>          As part of the wider life of the school we will celebrate achievements, represent our class in Decision Making Groups, develop an awareness of our Rights and contribute in Wider Curriculum activities.</p>
<p><b>Aspire Believe Achieve</b></p>	<p><b>Opportunities for Wider Achievement</b>          It is helpful if you keep us informed about achievements out-with school. Please send in any medals or certificates with learners to show to their peers.          We will be running a number of Extra Curricular clubs after school and lunchtime learning opportunities throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>Learning across the Curriculum</b>          In Term 1 our context for learning will be “<b>All About Me</b>”.          We will begin by finding out all about your child and what makes them unique. We will explore their families and name their ‘back up team’.</p>	<p><b>Discrete Subjects</b>          We will be focusing on developing respect for others and their beliefs through stories from Christianity and Other World Religions. In music we will use instruments and our voices to follow a beat and create music. In art we will use a variety of media including clay, chalk and natural materials to create pictures and models. We will also use simple</p>

programmes on the Smart board and i-Pad (learners should receive their class i-Pad in October).

**Key Dates**

15.09.23 – School Holiday (September break)

18.09.23 – School Holiday (September break)

25.09.23 – Maths Week Scotland

13.10.23 – End of term (normal school finish time)

23.10.23 – Inservice Day