



ROSLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Primary 1/2 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers

What a great first few weeks we have had in Primary 1/2. Primary 2 pupils have returned from their summer holidays refreshed and ready to learn, setting a great example to their new Primary 1 peers in terms of expectations and standards. Primary 1 pupils have had a very successful start to the term. It always amazes me how quickly they pick up new routines and how independent they become. It has been lovely to see new friendships form and watch all the pupils mix and interact with one another as they settle in and explore their new classroom surroundings.

I have been working very closely with Ms Herd, Mrs Finlayson, Mrs Selfridge, and Miss Graham as we begin to plan our learning for the year. As a staff we work hard to collaborate in the planning of our learning and teaching to ensure high quality learning experiences for all children. Throughout the school year pupils in both stages will cover similar learning experiences and outcomes. Lesson delivery and follow up tasks may be different but the overall knowledge and skills the pupils gain will be the same.

Despite us still having to follow lots of Covid guidance it is great that the restrictions on pupils mixing with others outside their class have been relaxed in some areas. It has been lovely to see the children having full use of our infant playground space again, allowing them to socialise with their friends from different classes.

Literacy

Primary 1 are enjoying a variety of fine motor activities and games to extend knowledge of vocabulary. Recently we have started to learn to read by learning sounds and ways to blend them together to make words. Please practice sounds, word building and reading words regularly at home following our ideas in the homework jotter.

Primary 2 are continuing to work through our phonics program, revising digraphs and learning new sound patterns. Within our Reading and Listening and Talking work we will be learning about Facts and Opinions and how to identify these within a text.

Numeracy

Across both stages our focus within Numeracy is Number Word Sequences and Number Structures at an appropriate level for your child. Primary 1 will be learning finger patterns, dot and ten frame patterns and using dice and dominoes for instant recognition of numbers. Number recognition, sequencing, counting forwards and backwards will form the basis of a lot of our follow-up Numeracy work. Primary 1 pupils will be working with numbers to 20 with Primary 2 extending their knowledge and understanding to work with numbers up to 100.

Our Maths focus will be patterns and shape. We will be using the natural environment around us as we investigate 2D and 3D shapes.

HWB

Our PE days are a Tuesday and Friday. Children will have the opportunity to take part in lessons within the gym hall or in the MUGA. Our initial focus will be developing our Gross Motor skills through a variety of games and activities. We will then apply these developed skills within a Gymnastics context.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Monday, due for the Friday. Homework given is aimed at consolidating the learning taking place in class. For primary 1 this means consolidation of the Jolly Phonics sounds covered that week with an emphasis on putting sounds together to read words. Primary 2 Literacy homework will focus on spelling patterns and sounds. They will also receive reading homework in the form of either a reading book, reading card or online reading resource.