

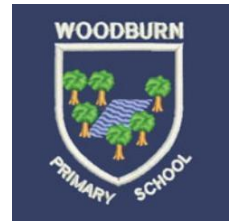
Primary 1B Newsletter

Term 1: August – October

Welcome

Welcome to Primary 1 at Woodburn Primary School. My name is Mrs Balfour and I am very much looking forward to teaching your child as they begin their journey through school. The children have settled really well into school life; they have enjoyed a tour of the school to explore some of our different learning spaces, and are also becoming familiar with our school routines and values. So far we have created a class charter together, enjoyed a variety of stories, and spent lots of time getting to know each other through play and other activities. I am always delighted to answer any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch if this is the case.

Kind regards,
Sharon Balfour
Class Teacher



Class Charter

Our class charter is based on the United Nations Rights of a Child and we have explored the following rights:

- The right to be safe (Article 19)
- The right to learn (Article 28)
- The right to play (Article 31)

We talked about how adults need to make sure that all children have these rights and that as a class we need to respect everyone's rights by abiding by our school rules: 'be safe, be kind, work hard'. We have also created some beautiful artwork for our class charter display.



Literacy and English

We are focusing on our fine motor skills and some of us are trying to use a 'tripod' pencil grip. We have started learning our initial sounds and are learning how to write these in a cursive formation. We have also begun blending sounds to read three letter words (for example: tap, pan) and will soon begin learning basic tricky words (for example: I, to, the) and trying to recognise these. We have also been exploring rhyming words in familiar rhymes and stories. In addition, as a class we will visit the school library once a week and the children will have the opportunity to borrow a book to take home. You can support your child's learning in literacy by talking about what sound they can hear at the start of different words and by sharing as many stories as possible with them at home.

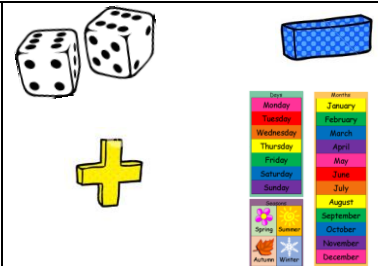


Numeracy

In numeracy we will be working on recognising, forming and sequencing numbers to 10 and then to 20. We will be doing lots of counting orally, both forwards and backwards, and will also be counting collections of items to practise our 1-1 counting skills.

Maths

In maths we are focusing on naming and ordering the days of the week, as well as ordering events that take place throughout the day using the language of before/after, morning/afternoon and yesterday/today/tomorrow. We will also be discussing events that take place throughout the year, linking weather to the seasons.

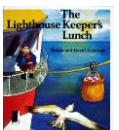


Play

Throughout each day we have opportunities to learn through play. Our play activities are often linked to our literacy, numeracy or topic learning. We also have more open ended/free play activities in the week and this includes our Atrium Play on a Monday and Thursday, and Fun 31 on a Friday.

IDL (Interdisciplinary Learning)

Our topic this term is a literature study focusing on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. We are learning how to share our ideas and ask quality questions, invent our own stories, expand our vocabulary and describe characters. We are also exploring voice, movement, expression and emotions through drama.



Specialists/PE

Music: We have music on a Monday with Mrs McInroy.

Dance: We have dance on a Tuesday with Mrs Smith.

PE: We have PE on a Friday with Mrs Ingram.

On dance/PE days please make sure your child is wearing uniform that is easy to get on and off. Please ensure their clothing is labelled with their name and remember to have water only in their water bottles.



Homework

Homework will be given out on a Monday and returned to school on the Friday. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.



A message from the Eco Committee...

As part of our green flag journey we have decided to offer a free uniform swap service. If you have any uniform or PE clothes which your child has outgrown or no longer needs, hand these (washed please), in to your class teacher by Friday 20th September. There will then be stalls (our Eco Boutique) at parental consultations where you can help yourself to anything which will be of use.

Upcoming Events

10 th Sept	Shared Learning
16 th Sept	Holiday
17 th Sept	In-Service Day
24 th & 25 th Sept	Parents' Consultations
9 th Oct	Shared Learning
9 th Oct	P1/2 Movie Night
14 th Oct	October Holidays commence



Communication

Feel free to catch me at the end of the day if you have any queries. My door is always open so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can also keep up with what we have been learning on our school Twitter account.

@woodburnps

