



P1 Class Newsletter



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WELCOME TO PRIMARY 1!



This class newsletter provides you with information on what your child will be doing in school during term 1. We hope you find this helpful for helping your child at home. A new class newsletter will be sent home each term and any other important letters will also be sent home in your child's homework/news folder. A list of useful websites for you and your child to use at home to consolidate and extend their learning is provided on the back of this newsletter.

Phonics & Reading

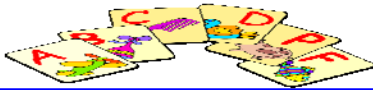
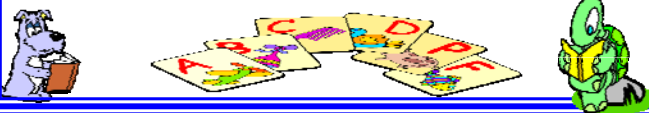


We have started sending letters home with children in their wallets. These are the sounds that we have been learning in class. You can help at home by practising the sounds on a daily basis with your child. We will be introducing words linked to reading books. These words will be sent home in your child's Numbers, Sounds and Words wallet to practise daily. The words to be practised will also be highlighted in their Reading Records which will come home in their Homework folder. Please check your child's record/wallet on a daily basis to check if new words have been sent home. Reading books will normally be sent home on a Tuesday and Thursday. Further information is given in your child's reading record. Shared readers will also be given out on a weekly basis. These books give an opportunity for you and your child to enjoy reading together and we do not expect your child to be able to read these books independently. You can help your child by talking about the pictures in the book to help find clues about the story and its characters and also encourage them to make predictions about what may happen next in the story.

Writing



We will be co-ordinating our handwriting with the sounds we are learning. Alongside our letter formation books, children will use whiteboards in class along with other kinaesthetic and visual materials such as plasticine/sand/foam etc to practise letter formation and early writing patterns. A sheet indicating correct letter formation is attached to help reinforce correct formation with your child at home. Children will also be encouraged to 'have a go' at writing their news and other stories in class. You can help at home by encouraging your child to talk about what news they would like to write about on a Monday morning. When supporting your child to write at home ask your child to listen carefully to the sounds they can hear in the words they are trying to write.



Maths

Children will be involved in a variety of activities for introducing/consolidating numbers to 10 including computer games, jigsaws, counting bears, plasticine, sand and water games. They will be encouraged to count with one-to-one correspondence. They will also be developing the ability to recognise, sequence and write numbers to 10, while exploring numbers before/after/between/largest/smallest. You can help at home by practising numbers to ten (counting forwards and backwards, missing numbers out when counting and asking your child to tell which number is missing etc...) and reinforcing the above vocabulary.

Other Info.



Primary 1 will have P.E. every Monday and Tuesday. If your child is unable to participate in P.E. please send in a letter with relevant information. In line with our Health and Safety Policy earrings should not be worn on gym days. Primary 1 will have Music on a Thursday with Mr Robertson. Due to allergies we are a nut free school and children should not bring snacks containing nuts. We also ask that birthday cakes and balloons are not sent in.



#TeamLairdsland-working together to grow our school.



Useful Websites



Below is a list of websites/URLs you may find useful to use with your child at home to help consolidate and extend their learning. Some of the websites your child may already be familiar with as we use them in school. More website suggestions will be given through out the year linked to what your child is learning in class.

www.educationcity.com (We use this website in school for maths and language, however, it does require a subscription fee if you would like to access this at home)

www.starfall.com (Great website for phonics and reading)

<http://www.primaryonline.co.uk/sitetour/pol/alpha1.html>
(Find the missing letter game)

<http://www.learningplanet.com/act/abcorder.asp>
(A game that focuses on alphabetical order - please note that this game uses the names of the letters and not the sound)

<http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/vtc/ngfl/ngfl-flash/alphabet-eng/alphabet.htm>
(This website focuses on the name and sound of the letter and shows the correct formation of each letter of the alphabet, which could be used to support your child's sound homework should you choose to use it. Please note that we form k differently in school as shown in this site)

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks1literacy.html#cvcmaker>
(This section on this website allows your child to change letters to make different CVC words using the sounds they know)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/wordsandpictures/cvc/whirl/index.shtml>
(A CVC and rhyming game from BBC)

<http://www.wmnet.org.uk/resources/gordon/GingerMen%20v2.swf>
(A matching game using Gingerbread men for numbers up to 10)

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html#count-with-lecky7b>
(Count with Lecky the Alien)