



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Dear Primary 1 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. We would like to thank you for all the gifts we received for Christmas, it was very kind of you.

The topics for this term are outlined below:

Language

Until the February holiday the pupils will be revising letters, common words and rhyming words. After this we will be moving onto the second block of Edinburgh's Achievement in Literacy programme where they will be learning how letters join together to make blends.

Also this session the pupils will be introduced to the Oxford Reading Tree reading scheme and your child will begin to take books home to read with you.

Mathematics

We will be working on addition and subtraction within 10 and learning about 3D shapes.

Sciences

Our topic this term is 'Living things'.

Health and wellbeing

We are following whole school Emotional Literacy programme and will cover the 'Reaching goals' topic. The P1 topic this session is general hygiene.

R.M.E

This term's topic will be 'Easter'.

Expressive Arts

P.E

Dance  
(some lessons with Miss Richards)

## Art

## Printing

## Music

## Drama

Introduction of instruments  
Mime and role play  
(some lessons with Ms Burdon)

## Technologies

basic computer skills taught through  
class work and sessions in computer  
suite with Mrs Bell

## Homework

- Please continue to practise the letters and common words your child has been learning
- The maths and language homework challenges will continue this term. Please ensure that your child has brought back their homework from last term.

## Assessment is for Learning

- We will be using the traffic light system, collaborative working, thumbs, whiteboards, peer/ self assessment, post its and WALT and WILF in the classroom to help us with our learning. Ask your child to explain these to you if you are unsure of what they are.
- Your child will have his/her own Personal Learning Plan which will have individualised targets for each term. There will be a chance later in the session for you to come in and share these with your child.
- There will be opportunities for the children to learn through play this session.
- Pupils use the shared area on a daily basis for active learning stations.

## P.E Kit

- Your child should ensure they have a gym kit in school. They will need a bag for their kit, a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and a pair of gym rubbers. Please label all the items in the bag and the bag itself.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or queries then please do not hesitate to call or come in and see us.

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