

## Primary 1 Newsletter – Term 3

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to a busy term ahead.

### Literacy –

This term your child will be learning that two letters go together to make one sound e.g. sh, ch, th, wh, oa, ay, ee etc. They will continue to learn 2 sounds per week so please look out for them in your child's reading folder. These sounds can be used in the same way as the single sounds. You can build words for your child to read and ask your child to build some words for you. Along with the new sounds, your child will get a new list of tricky words to learn. These words cannot be sounded out using phonics so please practise as much as you can. We are continuing to send home reading books twice a week. Please read the book with your child each night and encourage them to point at each word as they read it and discuss the pictures and characters in the story.

Some children will be learning to write some simple sentences using their sounds and tricky words. We will be focusing on ensuring there is a capital letter, full stop, and the words are separated by a finger space.

### Numeracy/Maths –

This term we will be continuing with addition strategies and we will be learning number stories within 10. We have given each child a copy of these addition facts to practise at home. We will also be learning about data handling. We will be gathering information and presenting it in different ways, for example, in a pictogram. We will be using programmable toys (Beebots) and encouraging the children to use language such as left, right, up, down, along etc. to describe a movement or journey. Later on in the term the children will be learning about symmetry and will be making symmetrical pictures.

### Gym –

Gym days for both classes: **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their gym kit after the holidays. Gym kit should include plain dark shorts, a plain white top and gym rubbers. Gym rubbers are worn every day during class time, therefore they **must** be in school at all times. On gym days, please make sure earrings are taken out at home before coming to school.

### Topic –

This term we will be doing a whole school Scotland topic. Primary 1 will be focusing on their local community, Edinburgh and studying the 'Maisie from Morningside' books. We will go along to library to find out more about our community. We will be taking photos and films in order to find out more about the world around us.

The children will also be given the opportunity to make Maisie's house from junk. This will be a small technologies focus and the children will be learning about choosing the correct materials. If you have any junk at home (e.g. cereal boxes, egg packets or yoghurt cartons etc.) please send them into school. Thank you.

### Clothing –

ALL clothes and shoes should be named. This includes school sweatshirts, jumpers, footwear, t-shirts, trousers and gym kit. There has already been some mix-ups with some clothing. If you have lost any items of clothing please ask your child's teacher or go to lost property.

### Support Staff –

Both classes will be sharing the support of Mrs Mitchell and Mrs MacKay throughout the week and are very grateful for their help!

We have 2 student teachers joining us for 5 weeks for their teaching placement. Miss Beattie will be in Primary 1A and Miss Munro in Primary 1B.

We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting term, and hope you are too!

If you have any questions now or at any time in the future please don't hesitate to contact us at the school or catch us at the end of the day. (School phone number: 0131 453 5339)

Mrs MacKay-Moen and Miss Cargill