



The September Newsletter

Hello all parents and welcome to P1.

Each month we will send home a newsletter to keep you informed of all that is going on in the P1 classroom. Each newsletter will identify the themes and concepts we will endeavour to cover in Language/Literacy, Mathematics and The World Around Us. As you can imagine this is very much a 'settling in' month. It is a time for you and your child to become familiar and comfortable with school. Our topic for this month is **'Teddy comes to school'** and much of our work will centre on teddies, bears and school.

Language and Literacy

As this is the very start of school life, we will take small, simple steps to build strong foundation years. In writing we will learn how to hold writing implements in a comfortable way and develop directional skills. Children will be looking at pictures in books and talk about their meaning. As a whole class we will read 'big books' and identify common features such as front cover, back cover, title page, author's name and illustrator's name. Each child will also try to recognise and read his/her own name.

Take time to read stories to your children and if you wish ask them simple questions about the pictures and features of the book. If he/she wants to try to write, do encourage this.



Mathematics and Numeracy

At home talk about one - to - one correspondence, e.g. when setting the table (1 fork, 1 knife) or when climbing the stairs. We will be learning about the number 1 and its written formation. At suitable times let your child count to ten and try to recognise numbers (1 - 10) in the environment. In class we will be sorting materials, identifying those that are the same shape or the same size. We will make sets and simple patterns.



The World Around Us

We will be discussing good hygiene practices when getting ready for a picnic and making food. We will talk about journeys to school and how this has changed from granny or grandad's day. Your child will be given opportunity to become familiar with all members of staff in school and their role in school. We will also talk about teddy in positional language and where he is i.e. under, over, above, below. If you have any teddy bear books, puzzles etc at home and would like to

share them with the class, we would very much appreciate having them in our classroom. Please just label clearly and they will be returned at the end of the month.

Parent Time

We will be going over the nursery rhymes Humpty Dumpty, Pat-a-cake, Teddy bear/ teddy bear and Round and round the garden - please feel free to go over and consolidate any aspect of the curriculum mentioned. We will have a Teddy Bears' Picnic at the end of the month, when everybody's teddy will be allowed to come to school - We will send more details nearer the time. We know for some first time P1's, this is a daunting time for both parent and child, but feel free to approach and talk to us about anything. Could we please ask you to ensure to take special note of some important points to remember:



- All school sweatshirts, school bags and lunch bags are named.
- If your child is bringing a water bottle, ensure it is named as several children have the same bottle.
- Try to encourage your child to practice taking off his/her sweatshirt by themselves.

In the morning try to encourage your child to walk into school and onto the playground without an adult as this develops independence.

If you feel your child is not ready for this yet- arrive at school in time for the bell and allow him/her to line up with the others. We look forward to happy learning and a busy year with you!

Happy Birthday to Evan who celebrates his birthday in September.

Here is a class list of all the Primary 1 pupils. Always handy to have for birthday invites etc. 😊