



Carrick Knowe Primary School

Primary 1 Newsletter

Terms 1 & 2: August-December



After a long summer, it is great to finally have all the new P1s in school! The aim of this newsletter is to give you a brief overview of what we will be covering in class in each of the curricular areas. As the year progresses, make sure you head over to our website where we'll be posting updates and photos from the classroom - just go to the 'Our 26/27 Blogs' menu item.

Literacy and English Writing - Developing fine motor skills through a range of activities (to help with pencil control) - Learning to use a cursive writing style when writing sounds and creating words - Writing own name Reading - Beginning to identify letters and the sounds they make - Practising oral blending of simple words, listening for sounds and rhyming words - Using the cover and author to select a book they might enjoy - Link what happens in a text to own experience - Recognising own name in the environment. Listening and Talking - Create own stories and characters to share with others in play. Using a prop, retell the main parts of a story - Retell or join in with repetitive parts of a familiar story. French - Basic greetings, saying how you feel, weather and French Christmas.	Numeracy and Maths: Numeracy - Counting forwards (up to 20) and backwards (up to 10) - Writing numerals 0-9 - Recognising and sequencing numbers - Saying the number before and the number after - Counting items in one group - Counting items in two groups - Double patterns 1-5 - Estimating how many in a group of items Measure - Measuring length, height, mass and capacity. Using appropriate language (eg. Full, empty, long, short, heavy, light). Comparing and ordering objects. Patterns and Relationships - Recognising and describing patterns with objects and shapes - Using the language next, before and after
Health and Wellbeing: - Seasonal food grown in school (harvesting and cooking) - RSHP: Our Families. - Building Resilience: Make a Difference and Talk Things Over - School Values: Responsibility and Kindness. - PE: basic movement skills, using my body, sharing a space, working as a group and using a variety of equipment.	Expressive Arts & RME Art, Drama, Music and Dance are mainly covered through child led play, exploring individual interests. Our classrooms have a variety of musical instruments, versatile dressing up materials and a wide range of art materials. There will be adult led experiences, linked to the work of artists, religious celebrations and customs as well as the children's wider interests. In Term 2, children will take part singing in the Nativity performances.
Technologies & Social Studies - Children explore, play and communicate on a daily basis using digital technologies (e.g. Smart Board, iPads and interactive games). - We will be finding out about the past by exploring items or images connected with me and my family.	Play: - Play is at the heart of everything we do in Primary 1 and is used as the foundation for all our learning. Your child has opportunities throughout their day to explore their interests, problem solve and develop their Meta-Skills through play.

Other Key Information:

PE:

PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

Please send a labelled P.E. kit to school which can stay on their pegs (shorts, t-shirt and indoor shoes). P.E. kits will be sent home at the end of each term.

Homework:

We will shortly be sending home “bedtime books” which have been selected by the children for you to enjoy together. The children will have the opportunity to swap their book for a new one every Monday.

Learning Journals:



We use a tool called Learning Journals as part of our ‘Reporting to Parents/Carers’ process. Between now and Christmas we will post a Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing observation. We’d really appreciate it if you could use the ‘Like’ or ‘Comment’ buttons when you receive these.

For any new parents, please go to carrickknoweprimary.com/learningjournals/ where you can sign up. There is also an app you may wish to download.

Outdoor Play:

We aim to get outside as much as we can, please feel free to send wellies in to school which can be used when needed. They should be labelled with your child’s name. We also have a variety of wellies in school, if you do not have any at home. Your child should bring a suitable jacket for the day’s weather.

We have recently made a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ document for new P1 parents. Please check your child’s bag or the school website (*Latest Letters à Stage-Specific Letters*) for this.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a successful year!

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