




Term 1 - P1



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children are settling in really well and getting used to school life. We hope you find the termly information below useful; it gives a brief overview of things that have been/are going to be covered this term.

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| <p><u>Literacy and English</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiencing a variety of fine motor skills activities including threading, using tweezers, cutting, drawing Using Jolly Phonics to learn some letter sounds and read and spell 3 letter words Learning to write some letters Learning to read some tricky words e.g. I, the, he, me, is Learning to read the Oxford Reading Tree character names (Biff, Chip, Kipper, Mum, Dad and Floppy) Using 'Drawing Club' to retell stories, adding detail and creating an adventure. This is how our young learners begin to write creatively. | <p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequencing numerals 1-10+ Learning numbers after/ before Counting forwards to 20 and backwards to 10 Learning to count and make collections of items Recognising dice / domino patterns Writing numerals Estimating between 0-10 <p><u>Maths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pattern – copying, continuing and creating patterns using a variety of materials. Shape – recognising, naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes, learning shape properties e.g. can they roll, can they stack? |
| <p><u>Learning through Play</u></p> <p>Though play, children will develop their social skills, widen their vocabulary, develop fine and gross motor skills, advance their resilience and perseverance, problem-solve, and think creatively and imaginatively. We place a big focus on play and through this your child will develop an ownership over their own learning. We will be observing their play and will use these observations to develop and extend learning opportunities linked to their interests.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Through circle time games, reading selected stories and learning 'Fischy music' songs, the children will explore their emotions and feelings and learn about how to keep safe, healthy and active.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Learning</u></p> <p>We have outdoor learning sessions on Wednesdays which take place in the woods. These will include outdoor specific activities like den building, loose parts and scavenger hunts. We will use the woods to spark discussions about biodiversity, sustainability and citizenship.</p> <p>Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed in a warm coat and suitable footwear or wellies. Please also bring a change of trainers in their school bag to change into afterwards. We don't like muddy carpets! You could bring a pair of wellies in to leave at school.</p> | <p><u>PE days</u></p> <p>P1A – Monday and Wednesday. P1B – Tuesday and Thursday.</p> <p>Please ensure your child is wearing comfortable clothing on these days, e.g. black jogging bottoms and trainers.</p> <p><u>School Lunches</u></p> <p>If you would like your child to receive a free school lunch, please ensure you book one on the online booking system. Lunches can be booked 100 days in advance. If you do not book for your child, please provide them with a packed lunch from home.</p> <p>As part of our healthy eating policy, we cannot have children bringing in cakes or sweets to share with the class on their birthday.</p> <p><u>School Bags and Snack</u></p> <p>We ask that your child brings a school bag in with them everyday and that you provide a suitable healthy snack for break time.</p> <p><u>Spare clothes</u></p> <p>Please bring in a spare set of clothes in a named plastic bag (e.g. top, trousers and pants) which we can keep at school their peg. This allows us to help your child change easily should they need to.</p> |
| <p><u>Sharing Learning</u></p> <p>We will be using Padlet to share snapshots of learning and play in P1. This QR code will take you directly to the school page</p>  | <p>If you have any questions or queries please email the school at admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk</p> <p>Kind wishes, Miss McFarlane and Mrs Jellema P1 Teaching Team</p> |