



Term 1 - P1A



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.

Literacy and English

- 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 in cursive script
- Learning to read and write some tricky words e.g. I, the, he, me, is
- Reading and discussing Word Boost books - story books that help us develop our vocabulary
- Learning to read the Oxford Reading Tree character names (Biff, Chip, Kipper, Mum, Dad and Floppy)

Learning through Play

Though play, children learn to socialise (sharing, cooperation, self-expression, etc.), widen their vocabulary, develop fine and gross motor skills, advance their resilience and perseverance, problem-solve, and think creatively and imaginatively.

We are placing a big focus on play and through this your child will develop an ownership over their own learning. We will be observing play carefully and will take the children's interests as the lead for developing learning.

Outdoor Learning

We have outdoor learning sessions on **Wednesdays**, which usually take place in the woods and will include activities like den building, learning how to set up a hammock and having a campfire with hot chocolate. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed in warm, waterproof clothing on this day, as we will aim to go out in all weathers.

School Bags

- Please provide a freshly filled water bottle every day and one simple snack for playtime.
- Please check your child's school bag every day for letters and remove them daily.

Numeracy

- Sequencing numerals 1-10+
- Learning numbers after/ before
- Learning to count and make collections of items
- Recognising dice and pairs patterns
- Making finger patterns
- Writing numerals
- Learning double numbers within 10

Maths

- 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. number of corners

Admin and other information

PE days are **Fridays**. It would be helpful if your child could wear comfortable clothing e.g. black jogging bottoms and trainers. We do not get changed into different clothes for PE at the moment.

If you would like your child to receive a free school lunch, please ensure you book one on the online booking system. Please get in touch with the office staff if you are unsure how to do this. 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.

Please ensure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing each day, including suitable footwear and a warm, waterproof jacket. Having a pair of wellies at school is really helpful. It is also helpful if your child has a spare set of clothes in their bag (e.g. top, trousers and pants). This allows us to help your child change easily should they get wet or mucky.

If you have any questions or queries please email the school at admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk

Kind wishes,
Mrs Harris and Mrs Gillies