



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.

<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 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) 	<p><u>Numeracy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <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. number of corners
<p><u>Learning through Play</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Learning</u></p> <p>We have outdoor learning sessions on alternate Fridays, which take place in the woods. These will include activities like den building, loose parts, learning how to set up a hammock and having a campfire. Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed in a warm coat. It would also be very helpful if your child could wear wellies to school for outdoor learning sessions and bring trainers in their school bag to change into afterwards. We don't like muddy carpets!</p>	<p><u>Admin and other information</u></p> <p>PE days are on the alternate Fridays, on the weeks when we don't have Outdoor Learning. Please ensure your child is wearing comfortable clothing e.g. black jogging bottoms and trainers. We do not get changed into different clothes for PE anymore.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>As part of our healthy eating school policy, we cannot have children bringing in cakes or sweets to share with the class on their birthday.</p> <p>We would be grateful if your child could bring in a spare set of clothes in a named plastic bag (e.g. top, trousers and pants) which we can keep at school and hang on their peg. This allows us to help your child change easily should they get wet or mucky.</p>
<p><u>School Bags</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>If you have any questions or queries please email the school at admin@balgreen.edin.sch.uk</p> <p>Kind wishes, P1 Teaching Team</p>