



Welcome to all our Primary 1 children and their families. We hope that this will be a fun filled year which provides a positive start to learning.

Literacy

The children have been enjoying learning about Kipper, Biff and Chip in the Oxford Reading Tree Scheme. They have begun to learn Jolly Phonics and are currently learning three sounds a week. We are encouraging good pencil grip and the correct formation of letters; please use the letters sent home to practise letter formation as well as word building.

Numeracy

We are learning to form numerals and are enjoying number songs. We will do lots of counting games, counting forwards and backwards, ordering and sequencing numbers. We will be holding a maths morning on Friday 23rd September to show parents some of the work we are doing in class. It would be helpful if you could look for numbers in the environment when you are out and about.

Continuing on from the Visible Learning work started last year, we have been working on helping children to understand how important it is to have a positive attitude to learning. Through stories, we are encouraging children to understand that learning will be tricky and that they can all achieve if they persevere. They will also learn that mistakes are important as they can help us to improve in our learning. We will be encouraging a growth mindset in the class.

Our first mini topic will be 'All About Me' to allow us to get to know the children. On the 11th October the children will have a visit from 'Story Telling Science' as part of the Midlothian Science Festival.

- PE is on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. Clothes are easily muddled despite our best efforts!
- Please also dress your child in clothes he/she can manage to take off and put on by himself/herself.
- Regular Infant Friday assemblies occur so that we can celebrate birthdays and achievements.

Additional Information

- Book bags are sent home each day, Monday to Thursday. Sometimes letters and completed work may be sent home in the book bag - please check and remove so that it is easy for children to manage the bags independently at school.
- It is a good idea for your child to have a named bottle so that he/she has water to drink throughout the school day.

Thank you for your continuing support. Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions. Mrs Selfridge and Mrs Primrose