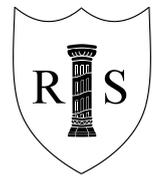


# ROSLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Primary 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a great first few weeks it has been. All Primary 1 children have had a settled start to the year and it amazes me how quickly they pick up new routines and expectations. It has been lovely to see new friendships form and watch the children interact with each other as they explore their classrooms.

I work very closely with Miss Brodie as we plan our learning opportunities. Having composite classes across the school can be a challenge, however we continue to work closely as a staff to deliver similar learning experiences. Lesson delivery and follow up tasks may be different but the overall knowledge and skills the pupils gain will be the same. Despite us still having to follow lots of Covid guidance it is great that classes can mix in the infant playground once again, allowing them to socialise with friends from another class.

### Literacy



Children are enjoying a variety of fine motor activities and games to extend knowledge of vocabulary. Recently we have started to learn to read by learning sounds and ways to blend them together to make words. Adults work with small groups of children to check their understanding of the sounds learned and ability to blend in order to read words. Please practice sounds, word building and reading words regularly at home following our ideas in the homework jotter.

### Numeracy and Maths

We are focusing on Number Word Sequences and Number Structures at an appropriate level for your child. We will be learning finger patterns, dot and ten frame patterns and using dice and dominoes for instant recognition of numbers. We are developing our knowledge of number recognition, sequencing, counting forwards and backwards, working out one more / less and matching numerals to objects. In Maths we will be learning about shape and pattern. We plan to look at patterns in our environment and create our own patterns using various materials and objects. We will then investigate different 2D shapes, again using our natural environment to support us.



### HWB

This term we will be concentrating on learning new routines and understanding expectations for learning within our play-based environment. We can make use of the gym hall, playground and MUGA on a Tuesday and your child can come to school in joggers, shorts or leggings on this day or remain in school clothes. We will continue our Moving Matters programme started in Roslin Nursery on a Friday so normal school clothes are suitable.

Gym shoes will be used during the day if outdoor shoes are particularly muddy, wet or covered in grass or snow. Weather can be very changeable throughout the day so please ensure you send your child with an appropriate jacket. Your child is welcome to keep a set of spare wellies in school, particularly for the winter months.

### Learning at home (Homework)

New homework will be issued on a Monday. After learning 6 sounds we will spend a week revising and consolidating sounds known so far with an emphasis on putting sounds together to read words. Some ideas about how to help your child with numeracy will be sent home when appropriate. All sheets will be sent home in Roslin book bags for you to glue into homework jotters which should be kept at home for easy reference.

Please don't hesitate to ask any questions if you are unsure about anything. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout their time in P1.

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