

# PRIMARY 1 ROOM 1

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## Welcome

The children of Room 1 - Primary 1 have settled into life at Bothwell Primary School so well. We have been working collaboratively to establish class rules, routines and expectations, to create a positive and happy culture within the classroom where all children can "try their best" and achieve success whilst learning and playing together.

## Literacy

In the first 6 weeks of Primary 1, we have spent time developing our phonological and phonemic awareness skills. The children enjoyed having a 'Book of the Week', some favourites being Each Peach Pear Plum and A Squash and a Squeeze. We loved reading poems, reciting Nursery Rhymes and singing songs to go with our theme each week from minibeasts to space. We have now begun to teach phoneme sounds and spelling words. We will be developing letter recognition and formation whilst focusing on blending skills; blending sounds together to both read and write words. In writing, the children have been using line drawings each week to tell a story linked to a chosen theme. The children have also been developing their literacy skills through play.

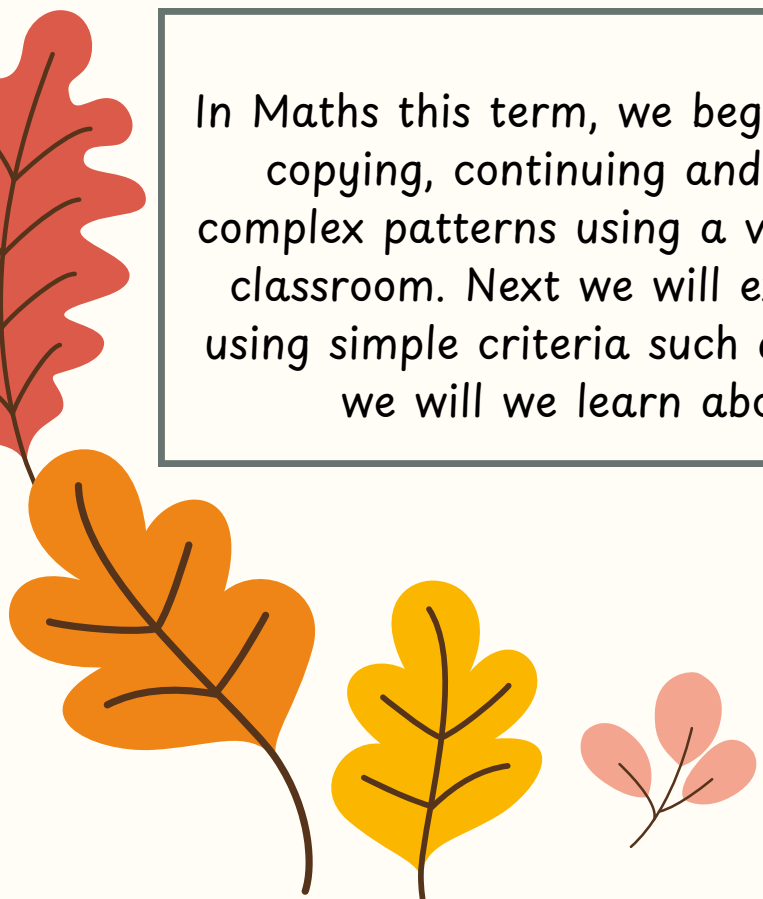


## Numeracy

In Numeracy this term, we have been learning numbers to 10. This has included counting to 10 and back; number recognition and formation and using 1-1 correspondence skills to count 'how many?'. We are exploring numbers before, after and in-between as well as identifying missing numbers and sequencing and ordering numbers from smallest to largest and largest to smallest. We will soon begin to look at numbers 11-20 using a 'Number of the Week' approach. As we move onto addition within 10, we will explore different strategies we can use to support us in our calculations, including mental strategies, fingers, number lines, Numicon and other concrete materials.

## Maths

In Maths this term, we began by learning about pattern; copying, continuing and creating simple and more complex patterns using a variety of materials within the classroom. Next we will explore sorting and matching using simple criteria such as colour, shape and size and we will learn about 2D and 3D shapes.





## Learning Across the Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'People Who Help Us'. The children have been enjoying learning about a new job role within the community each week and how these people can help us in our lives. In PE we are learning ball handling skills, using our hands and feet to explore different ways to travel and pass a ball and aim for a target. In science we are learning all about our senses. Currently in Room 1 the children have also been enjoying using draw along videos to help them to draw well known and beloved characters or animals. We have been learning how practicing something makes you improve and developing a 'can do' attitude.



## Learning Through Play

We have been working together to create a Learning Environment which reflects the children's interests and ideas. Mrs. Bell has been observing the children in their play and we completed a pupil survey to find out what we all liked about the classroom and what we would like to change. With this information, we have worked together to make adaptations to the classroom to better suit the needs and interests of all learners. The children love the role play area, the construction and loose parts areas and the writing table. We have also been learning the best ways to take care of our classroom, all of the children have their own area which they are responsible for, encouraging the children to be respectful to our learning environment and resources.

