



# Primary 1 - Term 3



## Welcome

Our class teacher is Mrs Saunders.



Our General Assistant is Mrs Bell.



## Reminders

- The school gate opens at 8.30am - staff will supervise children from that time until the start of the school day at 8.45am.
- Our PE days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. PE kit should be brought in on a Monday and kept in school until Friday so that it can be taken home to be washed. P.E kit should be kept in their gym bag and clearly labelled with your child's name and class. They need a pair of shorts, a t-shirt and indoor shoes/trainers. Please note, no jewellery should be worn on these days.
- All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Water - all children are encouraged to drink water. They should bring a filled water bottle each day. If they are packed lunch, an additional drink is required.
- Snack - we encourage all children to eat healthy, nut free snacks. They should bring a playtime snack in their school bag each day.
- School meals should be ordered online.

## Class Rules

Dina the Dinosaur visited our classroom and explained our classroom rules. Our classroom rules help us to work hard and behave well.

**Dina says we must...**

1. Always try our best.
2. Remember to use a 'quiet hand'.
3. Listen carefully.
4. Remember our manners.
5. Be nice to each other.

If we can follow our classroom rules we earn Dina Chips. When we collect ten Dina Chips we can choose a Dina Prize as a reward.

### **Star of the Week**

Every Friday a child is chosen to be 'Star of the Week' and they get to take Dina home for the weekend.



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## Literacy

This term we will be learning the sounds y, x, ch, sh, th, qu, ou, oi, ue, er and ar and revising all previous sounds.

The children will continue to be issued with word boxes in order to develop their blending skills. The children will continue to be introduced to tricky words and ORT words which will help to develop their sight vocabulary. We will be reading in class two/three times a week and some children may bring a book home to share with parents/guardians. We will be reading lots of stories and we will encourage the children to answer questions about a text and predict what might happen next.

We will be learning how to spell three/four letter words and common words. We will be learning to write simple sentences within dictation and news tasks.

The children will be encouraged to follow our 'Talking Tips' in order to develop their talking and listening skills.

## Curriculum

In PI, we learn through play which helps us to reinforce our learning within all curricular areas whilst developing independence, creativity, communication, problem solving skills, resilience and respect for others.

We will continually reinforce our classroom rules and routines and we will continue to encourage the children to establish and develop friendships.

Our topics for this term will be Winter, Spring and Easter. All children will receive input on a Wednesday from Mrs Carter for Music and Mrs Carruthers on Thursday for Mathematics, Nurture and British Sign Language (BSL).

## Numeracy

We follow the Samson Maths programme of study which involves learning about number, money, addition and subtraction. At the Early Level, the children also learn about 2D/3D shape, pattern, direction, symmetry, time, measure and data handling.

This term, we will be counting orally to thirty. We will focus on numbers from 0 -20 and ensure that the children can recognise, count, order and write 0-20 and understand the value and position of each number. They will consolidate their understanding of mathematical language - less than/more than, one/two more/less than, largest/smallest and numbers before, after and between. Number names zero to ten will also be introduced.

The children will be introduced to the concept of subtraction and learn simple subtraction facts to five. They will reinforce their understanding of addition and learn addition facts to ten.

The children will learn about weight, length and volume and they will measure using non-standard units.

## Homework

Homework tasks will be sent home in homework folders and they will be posted on our PI ClassDojo page. Please check on a daily basis for new tasks, sign homework records and click 'like' on ClassDojo to show when they have been completed. Comments are welcome too if your child has completed this well or if they have had any difficulties. Take time to practise all sounds, word boxes, tricky words, ORT words, reading, number formation and addition/subtraction stories. Please take some time to share stories and play games with your child at home. Also, children are welcome to bring in items from home to explore at our Investigation Station.