



Danestone Primary School
Primary 1/2 Class Newsletter
January 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back for another busy term in Primary 1/2. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and a well deserved break.

This term in literacy, we will continue to learn new sounds and digraphs across Primary 1 and 2. We will also continue to learn new common words each week, focusing on segmenting and blending to help us to read. In our writing lessons we are starting this term with a focus on poetry. We will be learning about the Scottish dialect and will be learning to recite a poem in Scots!

In maths we will be learning about shape, symmetry and angles combined with our numeracy skills and development work. We will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies during regular number talks in class, along with practical activities.

During context lessons we are starting the term with a focus on Scotland; we are going to be learning about tartan, Scottish dress, Scottish food and work by Scottish artists. We will then be learning about 'Our World Beyond'. For Primary 1 this will focus on local shops and people who provide us with what we need in our daily lives. Primary 2 will be learning about our local environment, how living things adapt in their environment and our local community.

In health and wellbeing this term we are starting by learning about exercise and why it is good for us. We will continue to engage with the Emotion Works programme to support our emotional and mental wellbeing, through stories and regular circle times in class. In P.E we will be starting this term with a series of lessons focused around dance and moving our bodies with different music and sounds. Our P.E days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our Willow Den session is now on a Monday afternoon. Please can all children come to school with

warm clothes, waterproofs and wellies on a Monday to ensure they can participate safely and comfortably in outdoor learning.

This term we are taking a different approach to homework. Children will be beginning to use ZIP to enhance their sound knowledge and reading skills. Therefore the children will be reading one book in class per week with myself and a different book will be sent home for you to read with your child along with working on ZIP. Please access Google Classroom to see your child's new reading day. Please can book bags come to school every day so we can practise our word walls.

I will continue to share lots of the learning from Primary 1/2 via Seesaw and our class twitter page: **@MrsLHenderson18**. Please also check our class blog on the school website as this will be updated regularly.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in touch via the schools email:

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Thank you

Mrs Henderson :)