



Welcome to Primary One in Struthers Primary School. I am delighted to be your child's new class teacher.

Throughout the year, we will communicate through the use of our homework diaries. We operate an open door policy; if you have any queries please feel free to drop in from 8.45-9.00 or 3.00-3.15. I hope this letter clarifies any questions you may have.

Routines

Every morning will start with Active Start. During Active Start your child will have the opportunity to access a variety of activities relating to literacy, numeracy, expressive arts and their current class topic. Active Start is a very beneficial approach to learning as children have the opportunity to learn through play, are fully engaged in learning from the start of the day and will continue to support them in their transition from nursery to primary.

Your child will bring home their green Reading Bag on a Monday. This will contain their homework diary, envelopes for flash cards, any homework issued on that day and their first reading book of the week. We would appreciate if you could ensure your child brings their green bag (and everything provided inside) on a daily basis as we will be

using their reading books etc. every day during literacy. We will also put any letters that are issued throughout the week in to this green bag.

Homework and Homework Diaries.

Homework Diaries will detail the homework your child has for the week. It will indicate which days their homework tasks are being issued and include a description of the task. When possible, we will give out all homework on a Monday and collect it on a Friday for marking. This will allow flexibility for you as we understand that some children attend a lot of clubs and are unable to do homework on certain nights. We would appreciate if you could try to read with your child every night. In Primary 1 our motto is "Little, but often", it is best to do small amounts regularly, to keep your child interested and engaged. Please also note that we do not check Homework Diaries until a Friday therefore any urgent information should be sent in a separate note.



Yearly Topics

Term 1

- HWB:
Getting to know ourselves and others through expressive arts.
- Safety:
Become familiar with different safety routines within the school e.g. Fire Drills.
- Street Sense:
Road Safety, Stranger Danger

Term 2

- Day and Night (Our science topic with a minor focus on technology)
- Finance Fortnight (Our classroom will turn into a mini business)
- Nativity/Christmas Story

Term 3

- Grandma We Love You (Our history topic)
- Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch (Book Study)
- 2+1: Scottish/French Fortnight

Term 4

- Expressive Arts Fortnight
- Troon (A study of our local environment)

Literacy

In Primary One the literacy programme we use is North Lanarkshire Active Literacy. Using this approach ensures that children are engaged in reading, writing and listening and talking on a daily basis. Every Wednesday we will have a Big Writing session in which children will experience a variety of writing genres.

Numeracy

Counting, number recognition and formation will be our key focus for the first couple of weeks. This will then progress on to addition and subtraction. Where possible we strive to incorporate our numeracy in to our current class topics e.g. we will focus on money during Finance Fortnight and mapping skills during our Troon topic.

