

Primary 1 Overview and Homework

September - October

Literacy- Phonological Awareness

- This term your child will work on 6 Nursery Rhymes
 1. Humpty Dumpty
 2. Incy Wincy Spider
 3. Hey Diddle Diddle
 4. Hickory Dickory Dock
 5. Baa Baa Black Sheep
 6. Jack and Jill
- While learning each nursery rhyme your child will learn how to keep a steady beat while saying the rhyme.
- Your child will begin to understand that a nursery rhyme has words – e.g Humpty – Dumpty - sat - on – a – wall; is 6 words not 2 words. Children hear ‘Humpty Dumpty’ and think that is 1 word and that ‘sat on a wall is also 1 word. Our aim is to develop this understanding by using their fingers and bodies to count the words in a line of the rhyme.
- Your child will listen and begin to recognise environmental sounds – this is the first process of learning sounds. This will be taught outside and inside the classroom. Please feel free to continue this in your home and outside in the garden.
- Words will be taken from the Nursery Rhyme each week to teach syllables – this is one of the first processes of teaching reading and blending. The word cow has 1 syllable in it – 1 chunk, Humpty has 2 syllables Hump-ty – 2 chunks in it, the word Hickory has 3 syllables in it Hick-or-ee – 3 chunks etc. To help your child feel the chunks/syllables in a word we teach them to place their fingers under their chin and feel the number of times their chin goes down when saying the word and we also clap it to teach them 2 ways of learning this.
- Homework - Your child will receive a nursery rhyme picture each week to colour and to say it while keeping a steady beat. When ready and familiar with the process they will get some words to practically count the syllables.

Literacy- Pre Writing

- In this term your child will begin work on their fine motor skills to prepare for writing. The first thing your child will work on is scribbling. This process allows them to understand tracking from left to right. Scribbling is so important as it allows your child to make the shapes, they will need to form letters and to learn how to hold their pencil correctly. Please allow your child to scribble on a page or back of wallpaper at home.
- Your child will move onto the next process of pre-writing which is following lines or joining dots to make straight, curved and zig zagged lines. This process also develops a steady hand to form letters.
- Another process of developing fine motor skills is cutting. Your child will do lots of cutting activities in the first term. Some children find this process difficult because they have weak

muscles in their hands. These muscles need to be developed to open and close the scissors. Again please allow your child to cut and tear paper at home. Begin with straight lines and then develop curvy lines. Your child needs to understand the page has to be turned when cutting a square, rectangle, triangle etc not their hand. Turning their hands promotes bad habits.

- Homework - Your child will receive cutting and sticking activities or pre-writing activities for homework each week.

Numeracy

- This term your child will cover the following:
 1. Matching
 2. Sorting
 3. Singing number rhymes
 4. Oral counting to 10
 5. Recognition of numbers to 5
 6. Patterns
 7. Numicon to 5
- Most of the activities will be practical, therefore, in this current situation your child will have their own pack of resources in a sealed bag to complete the above
- Homework - numeracy activities will be set each week. Some of these activities will be practical therefore we expect and trust the parents to carry these out to support your child. If a worksheet is set, it will go home in their plastic folder on a Monday.
- Cover homework sheet at the beginning of each week will state activities to be completed each week.

Username and Passwords

- All usernames and passwords will be placed in the plastic homework folder i.e. Seesaw, IXL and Purplemash.
- **Please keep this information in a safe place – it is not returned to school**
- Instructions are clearly visible on how to download the Seesaw app if you have not already done so
- Class communication will be via Seesaw Class App and the School App. Please download both

Library Books

- All children will receive a library book. This **must** be returned on a Friday to be quarantined over the weekend. Your child will then receive another book on a Monday. If the book is not returned your child will not receive another book. If the library book has been misplaced or cannot be found, please send a note so a new book can be received.