



Primrose

Autumn term
September 2008

Key Stage 1 (Infant phase)

School closes for teaching	Friday 24 th October 2008
School re-opens for teaching	Tuesday 3 rd November 2008
School closes for teaching	Wednesday 26 th November 2008
School re-opens for teaching	Monday 1 st December 2008
School closes for teaching	Friday 19 th December 2008

Welcome Message:

A warm welcome to all of the children and their parents/carers. Primrose Wing is a Key Stage One corridor teaching infant children aged between five and seven years of age. It has five full time teachers. Mrs Peart is the Lead Practitioner and will teach Class 6 which is a mixed Year 1 and 2 class. Miss Smith, (Class 4), and Miss Cowan, (Class 5), will both teach Year One classes. Miss Young, (Class 7), and Mrs Guest, (Class 8), will teach in Year Two. Mrs Uttley and Mrs Adamson will work as teaching assistants.

As the children grow older it is important that they develop independence. Having been handed over **the children need to enter school by themselves and leave their parents/carers outside the main doors that enter the wing. The children are responsible for emptying their bags and giving dinner money, letters, reading books and homework to their teachers or placing these items in their designated areas.** Homework activities are vital and consolidate learning in school; please encourage and support your child with all homework.

Long Term Topic Plans

The topic focus for each half term is:

Autumn 1 2008	Autumn 2 2008	Spring 1 2009	Spring 2 2009	Summer 1 2009	Summer 2 2009
Space	Homes and Schools	Dinosaurs	Healthy Living	Wildlife	Harrowgate Hill

Curricular Information - Topics for Autumn Term

Numeracy:

This term the children will be working on the following: counting, properties of number and number sequences; place value, ordering, estimating and rounding; understanding addition and subtraction; mental calculation strategies for addition and subtraction; money and real life problems; making decisions and checking results; measures, and time including solving problems; data handling.

Literacy:

Year 1

The children will be working on the following: stories with familiar settings, stories from a range of cultures, stories with predictable and practical language and instructions/information texts.

Year 2

The children will be working on the following: instructions, stories with familiar settings, fantasy stories and traditional stories.

Science:

The children will study Light and Dark in their science lessons. They will learn to identify different light sources including the sun. They will learn that darkness is the absence of light.

Geography/History:

In history the children will learn about famous people. They will learn about the life and work of Neil Armstrong and Thomas Eddison and link this to their learning in science. The children will also visit Beamish Museum at the end of the half term in preparation for their next topic which will be learning about homes and schools in the past.

ICT:

In ICT the Y1 children will learn to use laptop computers. The Y2 children will consolidate and extend their skills when using laptop computers.

Music:

In Music the children will explore pitch; they will compare and contrast high and low sounds.

Art:

This half term the focus will be moving pictures which are linked to Design Technology.

Religious Education:

The children will learn about Christianity. They will explore how and why Christians care for others. They will experience a selection of parables and identify the meaning of these stories.

Games:

The focus for this half term is ball and racket skills.

PE/Gym:

The children will develop their gymnastic skills and will learn about landing safely when dismounting from apparatus. The children will embark on the BBC Let's Move 'Food and Shapes' dance programme. Activate: The children will enjoy two 5 minute sessions of ACTIVATE daily.

PSHCE:

The whole school theme for this term will be 'New Beginnings'. The children will explore what is meant to 'belong' to their class. They will focus on getting to know the children and adults in their classroom and securing good friendships.

School Times:

	Gates Open	Children assemble	Children Supervised by school staff	Whistle/Hand Over Time	Teaching Begins/Gates Close	Children finish school
KS1	8.50am	In the KS1 garden	Hand over time 8.55am	8.55am	9.00am	3.05pm

Afternoon Timetables:

<u>Afternoon Sessions</u>	Mrs Guest Class 8	Miss Young Class 7	Mrs Peart Class 6	Miss Cowan Class 5	Miss Smith Class 4
Monday	ICT/Science Vocabulary	Geography and Music	Science	Art/DT	RE/PSHE
Tuesday	Science	PSHE and Science Vocabulary	ICT/RE	PSHE/ICT	Art/DT/Music
Wednesday	Geography and RE	RE/ICT	Art/DT and Science Vocabulary	Science	Science Vocabulary/ Geography
Thursday	Music/MFL/	Science	Geography	RE/MFL/Singing	ICT/MFL/

	Singing	Singing	/MFL/Singing		Singing
Friday	Art/DT /PSHE	Art/DT/MFL	Music/PSHE	Geography/Science Vocabulary	Science

Homework Timetable:

Year 1/2	Given Out	Handed In	Test
Spellings	Monday		Monday
Numeracy	Wednesday	Wednesday	
Reading	Daily		

Forthcoming events:

The visits to Beamish Museum will take place on the 23rd and 24th of October. A letter will be sent out nearer the time to clarify the dates and the expenses arising from this trip.

Clothing/Lost property:

Could you please ensure that all children's clothing/property is clearly labelled to avoid confusion and to help quick identification should items be lost. All children should have a P.E. kit kept in school; this will be sent home each half term to be washed. If you have any P.E clothing that your child has outgrown please donating it to school so that we can have spare P.E clothing on the wing.

Water Bottles/Snacks:

We encourage children to bring a water bottle into school on a daily basis; this should be taken home every evening and washed out and refilled ready for the following day. Children are able to bring snack items for break. Please could you ensure that all snack items are named and consist only of either fruit or cheese. Cereal bars or biscuit bars are not allowed as snack items.

The Primrose Team