



Beckford Primary School

Welcome to Primary 1



I am so pleased with how well the children in Primary 1 have settled into life at Beckford. I love to see their little smiles in the morning and look forward to our year ahead.



Mrs Gilfether

Primary 1 so far...

We have had a great start so far and Primary 1 are quickly learning the routines of the school and classroom. Our Buddies have been a great support with this and have helped the children in the playground and the dinner hall.

As a start to our Literacy Programme, we have been reading lots of stories, learning rhymes and singing songs. All of the activities will help to develop the children's phonological awareness to prepare them for learning their sounds in the coming weeks. I love listening to the children retelling stories using puppets and have been so impressed with their ability to hear rhyming words and work with syllables. After the September weekend we will begin our phonics programme with reading starting soon after.

In Numeracy & Maths we have been matching and sorting, comparing size and have just started learning how to form our numbers to 10. So far, we have learned 0, 1, 2 & 3.

P1 Staff

Mrs Gilfether will be the main teacher in Primary 1 this year. Miss Mitchell is also a teacher who will be in class on a Tuesday. We are also very lucky to have Miss Linda supporting our children at various times throughout the week.

Homework

We have only just started homework in Primary 1 and I have tried to keep it simple for the first few weeks so that the children can get into the routine of doing homework. When we start our Phonics and Reading programmes, homework will change slightly but more information will be given out when this happens.

Homework for the week will always be detailed in the homework diary and any worksheets or books will be put in the homework folder.

Children will have homework from Monday to Thursday. Phonics, numeracy and reading will feature every week, once we have everything up and running, and other curricular areas will be alternated.

Please sign and feel free to use the Homework Diary to make comments.

P.E.

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday**, and both of our sessions will be in the gym hall. Please send your child to school dressed for PE on these days wearing a polo shirt and shorts/leggings/joggers. I know some children come to school with shorts underneath their trousers or skirt and that is ok too.