

Week beginning 1st October Newsletter

- We will be continuing to work on pencil control and grip, help your child with this skill at home:
- Model correct hand hold position and encourage colouring in or drawing pictures together. Also play games to strengthen fine motor skills:
- Lift pasta and use finger/thumb movement to place in pots
- Placing peas in a pot
- P1's need lots of practice in cutting out along straight/curved and zig-zag lines. Please practise this skill at home to help your child carry out their work in school with ease.
- We will meet our next Number Zoo character Butterfly 3. Please read the story to your child and help them to find 3 items and count them e.g 3 forks, 3 spoons etc..
- Practice writing the numbers 1, 2 and 3, starting at the top.
- Please say the rhymes to support formation which are included on the Number Formation Rhymes Sheet in your child's folder:

- We are continuing to focus on listening to everyday sounds. Help your child to listen for sounds such as the telephone, doorbell, dog barking etc.
- We are identifying same /not the same pictures. Put out 3 objects. 2 objects will match: ask your child to identify which items are same/not the same and explain their reasons
- **Please help your child to trace over their names using sheets provided. Please follow letter formation guidance as incorrect formation is a hard habit to break. Use a white board marker to trace over polypocket names. These can be reused for practice every day.**
- **Keep all notes in their folders** and don't put lunchboxes or other heavy items in schoolbags as they will tear.
- **October snack is £8.00 a month or £2 a week. Please send money in a sealed envelope with child's name on it.**
- **Please send in any outstanding September snack money.**

Thank you
Primary 1 teachers

School Principal