



# Ferryhill Primary School

Welcome To  
Primary One!

**August 2024**



## Aims for today

- An opportunity to meet some of our school staff
- Learn more about Ferryhill Primary
- Discuss how we learn in Primary One
- An insight into our P1 classrooms
- Transition Events
- Preparing for August 2024
- Questions?

# A warm welcome from our team!

- Justyna Krol – Early Years Practitioner
- Hazel Morrison – Class Teacher
- Jennie Nicolson – Class Teacher
- Eilidh Mitchell – Depute Head Teacher
- Kirsteen Ransom Cook – Principal Teacher
- Susan Dunn – Head Teacher

# Ferryhill Primary School



- Around 350 pupils & Nursery with space for 78 children
- Update to SLT from August 2024
- EYP to support Play in Primary 1
- SfL Teacher
- P.E & Art Specialist
- Incredible outdoor environment – Infant playground

Active Schools Clubs

Pro-active Parent Council

- Breakfast Club and After School Club available



# Primary One – How do we do it?

- Literacy Rich Edinburgh – Alphabet sounds and common words/tricky words for reading. We begin by developing our Phonological Awareness and essential reading skills

- SEAL for Numeracy



- Health and Well-Being – P.E twice per week

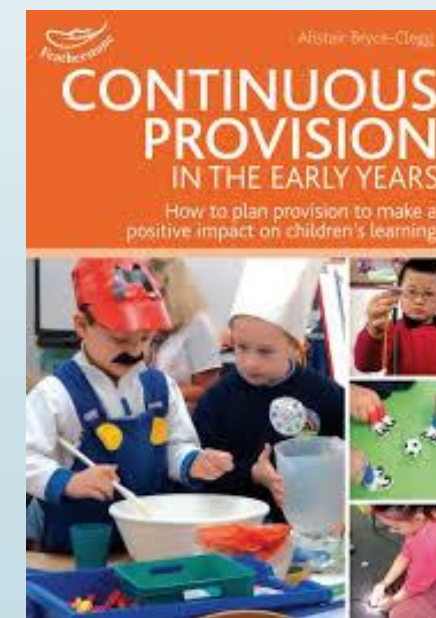
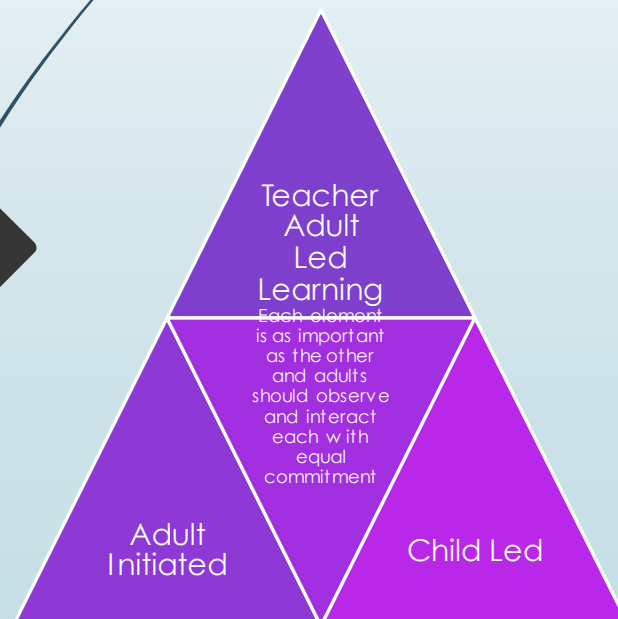
- **Play!**

a curriculum for excellence  
building the curriculum 2.

active learning in the early years



# Learning through play



## Realising the Ambition

“The learning environment in the early stages of primary school should not look or feel starkly different from a motivating ELC environment.”

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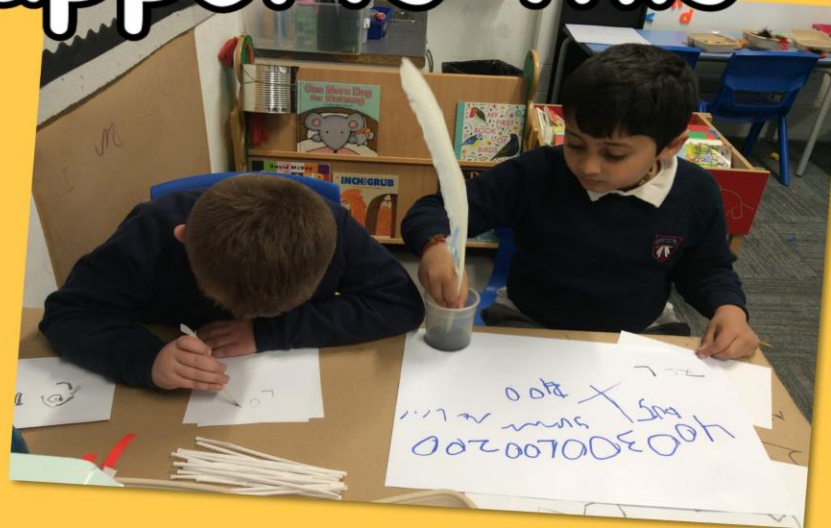




## Why Play?



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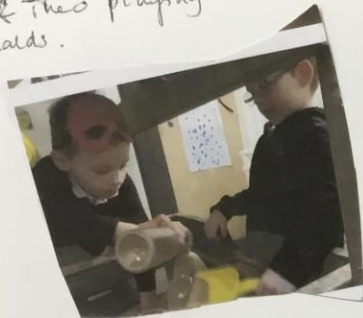


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# Play in Action!

12/1/23  
Max & Theo playing  
Donalds.

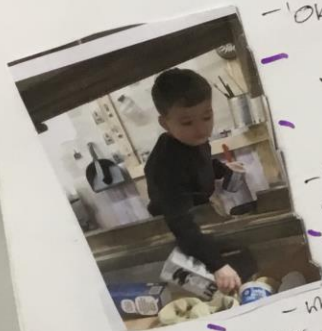


- 'We're making McDonalds!  
- Are you like McDonalds?  
You can get chicken nuggets,  
happy meal & cola!' Max

- 'I like cola! You like cola?' Theo

- 'Ok, I make one!' Max

You just need some little bit water, salt,  
we shake it & make cola! Max



- 'Ok, we need to deliver cola!  
Ok, number 10!  
- We need a car! Max

- Which company do you  
deliver for? Just eat, Uber,  
Deliveroo? JK

- Delivery & Eat! Max



We want to  
make sense of  
around us

We want to  
make and deliver  
food!

2. Next

We've provided the children  
with a variety of recycled boxes,  
containers & leaflets!

the world



- I want to be a customer now  
I was waiting for a long time!

- I know! I'm going to work  
at McDonalds selling ice-cream!

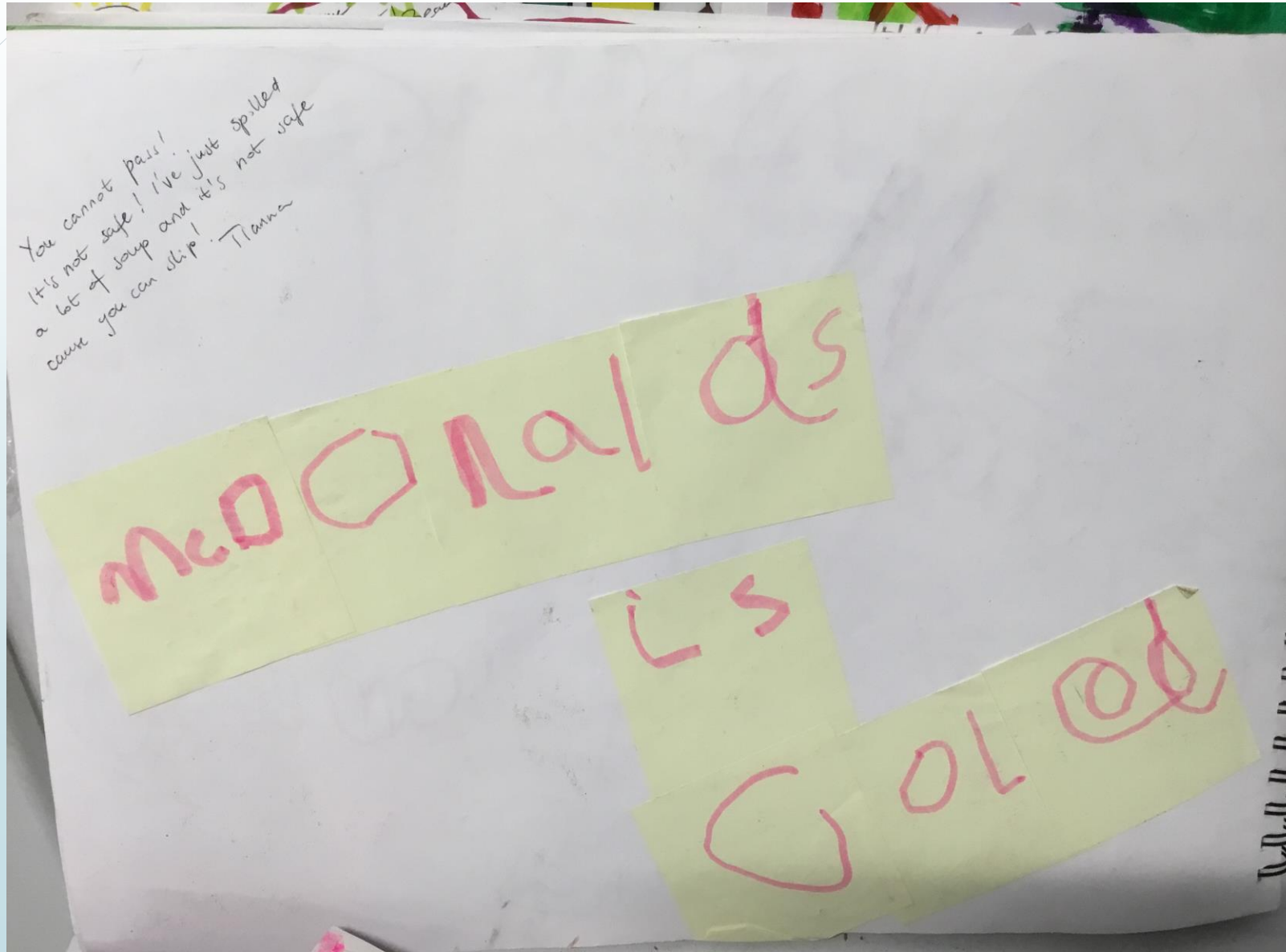


McDonalds sign  
by Oliver



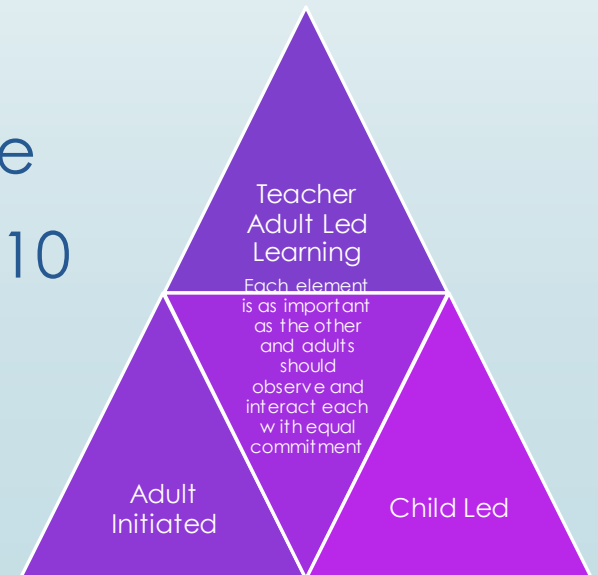
'And I will be checking over!'

## Play in Action!



# Class Organisation

- Primary 1a and Primary 1/2
- Children generally working in small groups during day – Learning from each other and enhancing the play experience
- Ferryhill Play Policy – Direct teaching, Adult initiated experiences, child-led play
- Teaching Time – gradually increase focus time as they settle into Primary One (No longer than 10 minutes!)





# 'Preparing' for August 2024

- 'The Smeds and The Smoos' Transition Project – City of Edinburgh
- Involving pupils in process – Trying on uniform, packing school bag, gym kit, exploring lunch menus etc.
- Parent Pay – Lunches & Milk
- Uniform
- Label EVERYTHING!
- Regular walks to the school and visit to local area
- **Being excited!**





# Upcoming Transition Events

- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:30am – 10:15am) – activity morning in assembly hall for children and an accompanying adult.**
- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2:00-2:45pm – My New Classroom (children only)**

**School will begin full time from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**





# Questions?