

WELCOME TO YEAR 1

NANJING ETONHOUSE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

MATHEMATICS

There will be a big focus on number recognition and counting for this unit. Children will understand that numbers are used for many different purposes in the real world. Building up basic number vocabulary and using numerals to represent quantities. Children can make links between relationships and counting. Basic counting up to 20 will be covered as well as recognising various numerical patterns.

MUSIC TEACHER

Hi, I am Mr. Rolly. This is my 3rd year as Music teacher in Eton House. I am so happy to continue guiding our students as they develop their knowledge and skills in Music. I am excited to watch how their confidence when performing at school activities grows this year. In unit 1, students will be having learning sessions about singing different songs and different moods of expressions. There will be some group presentations in this unit. The central idea of this unit is about "Developing self-Confidence". "The main purpose of this course is to get them confident in everything they do. MUSIC is a universal language!"
Mr. Rolly

INTRODUCTION

It has been great getting to know all of the students over the past two weeks. We have had fun learning about each other and how we can make our classroom into a great place to be. We've sang some songs, played some learning-based games and made the classroom active. The students are doing a good job of settling into the class and school routines, even in this hot weather!

Mr. Graeme - PYP1 Homeroom Teacher





MANDARIN TEACHER

The first unit of newsletter, please see the below

My name is Hannah.yang and I originally from Huaian. I have been in Etonhouse for 6 years. I am the Mandarin teacher in PYP department. Before coming to Etonhouse, I was a homeroom teacher in Chinese bilingual school. I am so excited to bring my knowledge to Mandarin class and my passion for teaching to the students here.

For the first unit we are going to explore 'Who we are' and know the relationship between different people. We begin to talk about and compare what we like and what we don't like. We also will explore ways that we can help each other and how to be a good friend.

Thanks.

Hannah. Yang

AN INQUIRY INTO REAL RELATIONSHIPS

During this unit our central idea will be focused on the relationships we have with other people and how they influence our lives. We will be aiding the students to explore the importance of the relationships they have in their lives. We will look at the similarities and differences between people as well as the way our likes and dislikes influence our relationships. Furthermore, this will be another great opportunity to build foundations for English language learning with vocabulary building and forming simple sentences.

ENGLISH

Reading | Writing | Oral Speaking

During this unit, we will be building up our English language through reading some picture books. These books will have the theme of relationships and children can make positive links. Children will also spend time building up their English vocabulary through a variety of planned activities such as making simple words using play dough and magnetic letters. We will also be starting the first stage in handwriting with our target being to write correct simple sentences in class. Furthermore, basic phonics will be taught and reinforced so every child in the class can read and say a-z correctly.



ART TEACHER

Hi everyone, my name is Shelly Unwin and I am from the South Island in New Zealand, and this year I will be the Visual Art Teacher at Etonhouse.

Previously, I have taught year 5 and year 6 at Etonhouse.

Teaching and Art, have always been passions of mine so I am really excited about being able to combine these together, and teach Visual Art as a specialist subject this year.

I have many personal interests outside of school including Crafts, Travel, Cake Decorating and Cooking. I have been in China for almost two years now, and I really enjoy the lifestyle of Nanjing. I look forward to new experiences and opportunities that China has to offer, while also extending my teaching and personal interests while I am here too.

I have really enjoyed getting to know the students from grade EY3A – MYP over the past week. The students have come into Visual Art Room excited about the new changes and eager to learn! This week we have had a strong focus on learning the routines and expectations of the Art Room. This will help the lessons run more smoothly, and teach the students how to be organised and independent when using different resources.

For our first Unit our main focus will be based on the theme of 'Who We Are'. We will be using Drawing techniques to explore and create Art pieces that reflect our identity, and our own personal experiences.

Ms. Shelley

P.E. TEACHER

I am Steve Cormack from a small town at the bottom of New Zealand and my role at EtonHouse is teacher of Physical Education for the whole school.

During my 6 years teaching I have taught a range of subjects from Social Studies, Junior Science, Health and Physical Education, Senior Geography, Special needs vocational pathways and Mathematics at a High School level. Teaching and sport has always been my passion and was something I had always intended to pursue as a career.

I have spent two years in China so far and have really enjoyed exploring new places and the lifestyle China has to offer. I look forward to fostering the students learning and interests in the year ahead.

This week has been exciting having all the students back who are interested to learn and continue to build on what they have learnt in Physical education from their previous years. This year promises to offer more opportunities for different activities, sports and interactions within our programme. The first unit in the PSHE program we will be looking at movement composition. We will do this through our central idea of "Creative movements can be used to display different emotions and ideas". This will allow us to explore a range of ways we can express ourselves and show who we are through movement. I look forward to working with your students throughout the year.

Thanks

Mr. Steve

THE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN

Hello Everyone!

It's Ms Anita here in the library. I am from Brisbane in Australia and I have been teaching for over 20 years. As well as teaching, I have been a school librarian for the last 5 years which I have enjoyed.

I have moved to China with my teacher husband and two children. This is our first trip to China. We are excited to try out all of the wonderful Chinese food and I would love to learn how to cook the traditional dishes. The Great Wall of China and the Harbin Ice Festival are two areas of China that I can't wait to explore. I also love to read, especially young adult fiction, and do anything creative in my spare time.

If you see me around, please come and introduce yourself. I would love to meet you!

Anita Jane

