**Primary 6B Term 4 Newsletter**

It’s great to be back again and it has been lovely hearing about the activities that the children have been engaged in during the Easter holidays. I’m really looking forward to working with everyone in 6B on some really exciting and interesting activities this term. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or would like to make an appointment to see me.

Mr Musselwhite.

We will be learning about politics and different political systems. Pupils will investigate, compare and evaluate concepts such as democracy, dictatorship, anarchy, exploring examples of these in real-life contexts. We will learn about the purpose of government and how laws exist to help us maintain an ordered society exploring how the political system in the United Kingdom is organised and how governments are elected. (We are fortunate that a General Election has just been called for June 8th, giving us an excellent opportunity to explore this in detail). In addition to this, pupils will be given the opportunity to develop their skills of critical thinking and reasoning skills in class and group discussions.

**Numeracy & Maths**

**Social Studies Topics**

 During the early part of term we will be focusing on performing calculations with measurement (Capacity, weight and length) using decimal numbers. Later, we will be investigating Square and triangular numbers and will be learning how to collect, present and analyze different forms of data. We will focus daily on mental maths, in particular in developing and widening our range of strategies for multiplying and dividing larger numbers.

This term we will be learning how to write newspaper articles and will study bias in terms of how stories are presented in the media. We will also be revisiting and improving our skills of biographical writing. This will link to our social studies topics. We will be developing our understanding of Personification, Onomatopoeia and Hyperbole in grammar activities. Pupils will be involved in regular group reading activities, with reading homework set during the week.

**Literacy**

 

**Dates for your diary**

Tuesday 25th April - Parents Twilight

Thursday 27th April - Parents Evening

Monday 1st May - May Day Holiday

Friday 5th May - PTA Quiz Night

Friday 19th May - Learning Showcase (p.m.)

Monday 29th May – Theatre Visit ‘The Hobbit’

Monday 5th June School Sports (16th June Alternative date)

Friday 16th June – PTA Shorts and Shades Disco

Friday 30th June – End of Summer Term

**Homework**

This will continue to be issued on a Thursday, to be handed in on a Tuesday and will consist of literacy, numeracy and extended tasks linked to our Social Studies Topic.

Visiting Specialist Input

Tuesdays – 10.55am – 11.45am DRAMA (Mrs McGillivray)

Wednesdays – 9.50am – 10.40am P.E. (Ms Armstrong)

Mr Andrew Musselwhite (Class teacher)

**Health & Wellbeing**

In Physical Education this term Ms Armstrong will be teaching pupils about striking and fielding games such as Rounders, Cricket and Longball. We will be working collaboratively with P6A in learning how to perform different running, jumping and throwing skills in Athletics, together with the associated rules and how to measure time and distance accurately. We will also be learning about actions that can be taken in different emergencies, how to assess unsafe situations and how to administer basic first Aid