

P6S Newsletter

Term 2 – November 2017

**Message from the teacher**

Welcome back to term 2! I hope you all enjoyed the October holidays and are well rested and refreshed as the next couple of months tend to be very hectic. We are looking forward to being very busy in class and have a lot of great learning opportunities this term which hopefully the children will find interesting, challenging and enjoyable. Within the class this term, we will be supported by Ms Kennelly on Wednesdays and additionally we’ll have PSA support for some of our time in class with Mr Gray supporting on Tuesday mornings, and Mrs Binfield on Mondays and Thursdays. Our specialist teachers this term will be Mrs Kaup for Modern Languages and Mrs McIntosh for drumming. As always, if you have any concerns you are very welcome to write informal notes to me in your child’s planner or, if more time is needed to discuss an issue, a time can be arranged for after school which should be arranged via the office.

Once again, many thanks for your continued support,

 Richard Davidson

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| http://www.schooljotter.com/imagefolders/chapel/Diary.gif **Dates for your diary:**Friday 10th November –PTA DiscoMonday 13th November- In-service- School closed to pupilsTuesday 14th November- In-service- School closed to pupilsMonday 20th November- Parent Council MeetingTuesday 28th November- PTA Meeting Friday 1st December- Scoping Jotters homeMonday 18th December- P6 and P7 partiesFriday 22nd December- End of termMonday 8th January- Term 3 begins | **Timetable:**The Class will have: **Drumming** with Mrs McIntosh on Tuesday**P.E**. on Tuesday morning where we will be doing learning about balance, control and flexibility through gymnastics where we will have Mr Gray supporting us, and Friday morning where we will be developing our fitness and stamina.**German** with Ms Kaup on Wednesdays.**Library** will be every 2nd Monday (starting on 27th Nov, due to the holiday on the 13th Nov, we will have an additional library slot on Wed, 15th Nov).**Singing** – we will have singing sessions in the hall on Thursday afternoons. |

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| **Homework:**Homework will be issued each week on a Thursday to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday. Activities will cover a variety of curricular areas and reinforce learning that is taking place in class. Can all homework tasks please be signed by an adult and I also welcome any comments that you wish to write in your child’s homework jotter.Reading groups have now been organised and your child should be coming home with an appropriate text. Reading will be given out as homework and I will also be working with the groups on their reading in class, so therefore please could you ensure that the reading book is kept in the schoolbag. |
| **Numeracy:**In maths, this term we will be developing our knowledge and understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, and in particular looking exploring the relationships between these. Additionally, we will be continuing to work on our mental maths skills by looking at different strategies to enhance our abilities. Finally, in class we’ll be doing more Problem Solving to encourage application of our maths knowledge.  | **Literacy:**With regards to our writing, we will be looking at developing our tools for writing to enhance our creative writing skills. Our topic this term will be a good basis to develop our report writing skills.In Reading, we will be looking to increase our vocabulary and word decoding skills through having a ‘word of the day’ and also doing a bit of Latin looking at ‘root words’ to develop our abilities to read and understand vocabulary. |
| https://www.thesun.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/nintchdbpict000347724573.jpg?strip=all&w=694**Topic:** | Our topic this term will be the Victorians. Hopefully this will be an exciting and interesting historical period for the class to study; our key focus for the topic will be looking at what life was like for Victorian children and, in particular, what the Victorian Classroom was like.We’ll also be having a look at what Victorian Kintore was like, so any information you may have around this (if you can remember that far back?) then it would be great to hear it.Finally, we’ll end our investigation in to the Victorian era by having a look at the impact the Victorians still have on many of our Christmas traditions. |