



P6/7 Class Newsletter
Term 2, Session 2018/2019

Welcome back to term two. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready for another busy term ahead! We will continue to have Mrs Brown and Ms Ritchie working with us in our class this term as our PSAs. In addition to this we will have Support for Learning Teacher Mrs Saunders working with groups within the class to support Literacy and Maths. Our specialist teachers this term will continue to be Frau Kaup to teach German and we will have Mrs Young teaching Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Mrs Cordiner will continue to teach the class on a Thursday.

Timetable for the week:

Monday	Library starting 12 th November
Tuesday	P.E.
Wednesday	German with Ms Kaup
Thursday	P.E., Mrs Cordiner teaching
Friday	Assembly, Mrs Young

As we near Christmas time the big hall will be increasingly used for nativity practice, therefore we may need to go outside for our P.E. lessons. Children should bring clothing which is suitable for indoor and outdoor activities. For example- a long sleeve top, joggers or longer leggings and outdoor trainers.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 5th November- Bikeability restarts for P6
- Friday 9th November- class assembly (9:15 start) and PTA disco
- Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th November- In service- school closed to pupils
- Friday 16th November- Final Bikeability session
- Monday 19th November- flu immunisation starts (for three days)
- Wednesday 21st November- P2-7 Parents Curricular Evening
- Tuesday 4th December- Natural Disasters Geology Workshop (in school)
- Monday 17th December- P6/7 Party
- Friday 21st December- Church Service, End of Term

Homework:

Please continue to check that your child is completing their reading pages at home. All children should have a grid with the pages expected to be read that week. If you are having any concerns with reading please write me a note in your child's yellow homework diary. I understand that one to one reading time is perhaps less frequent with older children as they become increasingly independent with their reading. However, ensuring they are keeping up to date with the given pages is much appreciated.

Our homework project for this term will be related to our topic 'Extreme Earth'. I can provide paper for this and any other materials that pupils would like. Let me know and I will organise.

Contexts for learning:

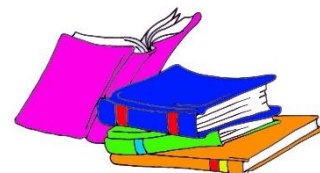
Our topic for this term is going to be 'Extreme Earth'. We are fortunate enough to have arranged a Geologist to come in to school and deliver workshops which will include practical experiments and sharing his experiences from around the world. As part of our topic the pupils will explore different climates and extreme weather from around the world and learn about the changes in the world due to climate change. We will learn about different natural disasters and the effect these can have on people, place and environment. Pupils will develop map reading, investigative and researching skills through the planned activities. Through their homework project, children will be encouraged to share their learning and explain their thought processes and understanding clearly.



Within Maths we will begin by learning more about fractions, decimals and percentages, building on prior knowledge. Children will solve problems in real life contexts and apply problem solving skills and strategies. We will also be continuing to improve our Mental Maths strategies (any extra practice on times tables and basic addition/subtraction at home wouldn't go a miss!) In addition to this we will be learning about the properties of triangles and circles. As we progress through the term pupils will learn about the relationship between speed, distance and time and practice solving time related problems.

This term, Literacy work will often be inspired by our topic and we will begin by learning about instructional writing- identifying the features of a good set of instructions and writing our own. Narrative writing skills will continue to feature in our Literacy work, as the children will be encouraged to develop literary skills and more challenging vocabulary. We will continue to have two sessions of spelling per week where the focus will be on common spelling rules. Children will continue to be encouraged to correct and use strategies they have learned to correct and improve their spelling in their writing.

As always, if you have any concerns you are welcome to write informal notes to me in your child's yellow homework diary or if more time is needed to discuss an issue, a time can be arranged for after school.



Thanks again for your continued support,

Lyndsey Paterson