

P6K Term 1 Newsletter



Hello and a warm welcome from myself. Thank you to everyone who came to the open afternoon, it was great to see you and the children enjoyed showing you around the classroom. For those who I have not met I look forward to it at upcoming events. Term 1 is well underway; we have enjoyed a hardworking start and hope the information provide below helps you.

Dates for you diary

- Tuesday 1st October – Parents Evening (1530-1830)
- Thursday 3rd October – Parents Evening (1700-2000)
- Thursday 10th October – Last day of term
- Friday 11th October – Inservice day (staff only)
- P6K's class assembly will be on Friday 4th October.

Our Learning

Our topic this term will be 'Rainforests' where we will be researching the world's main tropical forests including location, climate, ecosystems and threats to these environments.



We will be reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and exploring the themes within the story including freewill and choices, justice and judgement, family, friendship and power.

Due to factors including training requirement, Bikeability will now be in term 4.

Numeracy:

In Numeracy, we have been recapping on and revisiting important foundations. This will continue with the focus on both developing number skills and understanding of the language of Maths. In particular we'll be looking at place value (up to millions), rounding and tasks related building our problem-solving ability regarding the four major operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division). Mental maths will focus on our ability to explain our strategies and thinking processes. We will also be working on our times table knowledge.

In other areas of Maths we will be revisiting Time and working on grid referencing.

30th September-6th October is Scottish Maths Week and we will be looking to take part in some of the activities and challenges available as part of this.

Literacy:

Reading will be written in pupil's Reading Records. Please ensure this is kept up to date and notify us of any difficulties with this. Reading books should be brought into class every day.

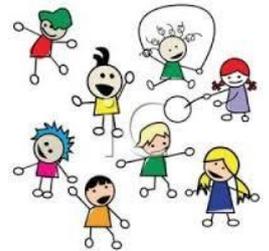
We would also encourage pupils to read for their own personal interest and enjoyment from a wide range of texts.

The class will be focusing on writing linked to our topic. This will include poetry, persuasive techniques and report writing.

There will be various opportunities to develop the children's comprehension skills via topic work, our class novel and their group reading.

PE

We will have PE on a Wednesday this term. We will be focussing on co-operative games which will encourage children to work together as well as hockey. The children are also lucky enough to have AFCCT visiting to provide them with football training. Please can you ensure that children bring their PE kits in to school on a Monday and keep them in school all week. Please also ensure that you child has a hair bobble if required and jewellery is removed or preferably not worn on the days that we have PE.



Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and will be returned on a Tuesday. Each week there will be three manageable tasks consisting of maths, literacy and topic. Reading will also be issued each week. Reading tasks will be communicated in the children's home/school diaries. Thank-you for your continued support with homework.



And finally

Here's to an excellent year! If you have any questions of matters you would like to discuss, these can be communicated through the children's home/school diaries. I am happy to chat with you at any time I am available but appointments can also be made to see me.

Mrs McIntosh

