



Primary 6 Newsletter - Term 3

Welcome again to the Primary 6 newsletter! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Here you will find information about what is going on in Primary 6 this term.

Literacy -

Writing - In writing we will be focusing on newspaper articles, instructions and imaginative writing. We will be selecting and organising text when writing instructions. The use of graphics and layout will be explored in order to make articles more eye catching and appealing to different audiences. Within our imaginative writing we will be looking at different genres and looking at how to share experiences and feelings of characters.

Reading - In reading we shall be exploring different genres of text in Literature Circles. The Literature Circles allow children to explore and discuss texts in detail. We will focus on one role per week to ensure that the children really understand the features of the role and are able to complete this at home. After the February break we will also be looking at different ways of forming questions, both open and closed, for specific purposes. Within Talking and Listening the children will be set tasks in small groups where they need to use communication skills to solve problems.

Numeracy and Maths -

We plan to cover addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and other Maths concepts throughout the week on a rotation basis. Staff across our school cluster have been completing training in an approach known as "SEAL". Staff will be using their new skills to give the children both a varied experience and to continually reinforce key number skills.

Learning Across the Curriculum -

This term we shall look at collage when creating portraits within Art and will be exploring how to communicate emotions and thoughts through dance. We will also look at a comparative study between Scotland and other countries. This will explore differences in education and environment between the countries. We will be combining our Science topic and Health and Wellbeing topic to undertake a topic about "The Body". The children will then use this knowledge to support their learning of how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Wider Achievements-

If your child has accomplished any new achievements outside school please encourage them to let us know! The children have individual achievement folders where they can record information about things they are doing at home.

Health and Wellbeing-

Our PE days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (P6A), and Tuesday and Friday (P6B). This term we are exploring badminton and gymnastics to develop skills in rhythm, timing and creativity.

Ideas for Learning at Home-

Reading - Completing weekly home learning and exposing children to different texts.

Spelling City - Try to practise spelling patterns taught in class as this ensures the children understand the spelling pattern and that they will be able to apply this learning in their writing and other areas.

SumDog - Try to use this at least once a week. This is set for the children's level and the questions will increase in difficulty as they progress.

Library visits

Looking at newspapers, magazines and instructions - Try to expose the children to as many different texts as possible. However, focusing on these three will support their reading and writing this term.

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