



Class news for Term 2 from Primary 6HC and 6EW

We are delighted to welcome all the children back to Kingswells Primary School for the Primary 6. The children have settled in well after summer and it has been lovely to see some familiar faces from last year and get to know the new children.

This term our first topic will be based on the book ‘Your Fantastic Elastic Brain’. Through this topic we will investigate how the brain works and how it makes us unique. We will also focus on growth mindset and developing resilience through learning how our brain grows and strengthens as we challenge it. We will learn how to show persistence when we feel challenged and have a ‘can do’ attitude in our learning. We will also investigate energy and sustainability. We will look at a range of energy sources and analyse how these impact our planet. We will develop our critical thinking skills by researching and discussion about the pros and cons of different energy sources. Our topic will help us to become responsible citizens through thinking about how we can conserve and reduce energy waste also.

In **Numeracy** we will start by focusing on place value. We will develop our understanding of number and learn how to read, write and identify values within 5, 6 and 7 digit numbers. We will use our knowledge of place value to support our development of rounding, looking at larger numbers and rounding to given values. We will also develop our mental addition and subtraction skills through learning a range of strategies to carry out these calculations. We will develop our ability to choose a strategy that is best for the calculation and for us. To support our addition and subtraction knowledge, we will also refresh our skills with written methods.

In **Literacy** we are going to start the term with a class novel. This will be ‘There is a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom’ by Louis Sachar. This will be used to help us refresh and recap our reading skills such as, summarising, predicting, visualising and reading aloud. We will also develop our comprehension and questioning skills using this text. To begin with there will not be any reading homework, however the children are encouraged to read for pleasure at home.

We are going to develop our writing skills through imaginative story writing this term. We will recap the VCOP skills learned in previous years and use this to up-level our writing. We will learn to extend our vocabulary and use more sophisticated openers and connectives to reflect a mature writing style. We will also investigate newspaper articles through lessons and a workshop from ‘News Wise’.

We will continue to improve our spelling through revising phonemes and spelling rules and learning to transfer this knowledge into our writing. Spelling will be taught weekly in school and will also be a large focus for homework.

Homework – this term we will send home tasks for the week on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday (unless notified otherwise). Homework can be accessed on Class Dojo.

Each week you will receive a piece of spelling homework and numeracy homework. On occasion you may also get some topic homework.

Spelling will follow a 3 week program, linked to the Active Literacy scheme:

Week 1 –you will be taught a new phoneme or spelling rule (such as prefixes or suffixes). You will be asked to either complete a grid or copy out words 3 times.

Week 2 – in class we will still be learning about the sound from week 1. Homework will be to complete a spelling activity using your word list created or given in the previous week. This can be completed in your homework jotter or photos can be sent in through Class Dojo.

Week 3 – this will be a tricky word list. You will be asked to use a spelling strategy to learn these.

Each week, your child will have:

- P.E. on Tuesday and Wednesday– please remember PE kit
- Library on a Tuesday – please remember your book
- Homework due in on Thursday

