

Class news for Term 4 from Primary P6EL



We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready to start the new term.

This term our first topic will be **Commonwealth Games**, looking at the core values of Diversity, Equality and Friendship as well as the Commonwealth countries including where in the world they are.

After our **Science Champion** training in Term 3 we will now be planning lessons on 'pushes and pulls' to implement with Primary 1. This award scheme enables pupils to develop their scientific skills and knowledge by planning and conducting some investigations and experiments. It will also help to develop leadership, teamwork and social skills.

Later in the term we will be learning about renewable and non-renewable energy sources, ecosystems, the conservation of wildlife and how to clean and conserve water. To learn about these different issues we will be spending time outdoors developing our knowledge of our local ecosystem and conservation in our area. Also we will use our iPads to research issues of sustainability at a global level and use Atlases to develop our knowledge of the world.

In **Health and Wellbeing**, we will be continuing to look at core values for the start of the term before focusing on **Living and Growing** which will introduce children to the core issues of sex and relationship education while reflecting the diverse society that children are living in today. Also, we will be discussing the harmful effects that too much alcohol can have on the body and the potential health risks from drinking alcohol.

In **Numeracy** we will be focusing on time, patterns and sequences, equations and measurement. If you would like more practise for any numeracy topic www.topmarks.com has a lot of good games for pupils to work on. We would encourage pupils to continue playing games relating to previous learning in class such as 'Hit the Button' for mental addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

In **Literacy** our focus will be on discursive writing and poetry. Pupils will be encouraged to extend and improve their written pieces with a range of techniques to interest the reader, particularly figurative language. A

focus across Primary Six will be editing and revising our writing before we share it with others. To improve editing skills, pupils will be given further opportunities to peer assess each other's work and extend their vocabulary through the use of a dictionary and thesaurus. Pupils will continue to work in their literature circles to read and discuss their chosen novel. During these sessions, a variety of comprehension activities will be covered to develop a deeper understanding of the text. At home, you could support your child by asking them a range of questions about the texts they are reading. You can use the Bloom's Taxonomy Question Prompt sheet from Class Dojo to help with this.

The children will continue to make effective use of the iPads. They will be using them to present their work using some of the apps like Keynote, Pages and Book Creator.

Each week, your child will have:

- P.E. will be Monday (Golf sessions), Tuesday (Mr MacIndoe) and alternate Wednesdays. Please remember PE kit, weather permitting we may often be outdoors this term so pupils should be prepared for this
- Library on a Tuesday – please remember your book
- Bikeability will be this term. Details will follow. Children will require their bike, helmet and suitable clothing.

Homework – this will continue to be issued on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday (unless notified otherwise). Homework can be accessed on Class Dojo.

JASS activities should continue at home. All activities should be completed by end of May/early June ready to be assessed.

Grow a Fiver – Friday 18th May 2018. Children should prepare at home ready for selling on this day.

Buddies – Primary six will have the opportunity to meet their Primary one buddy in June and get to know them better before the start of Primary seven.

