



Learning and Celebrating

Primary 6 Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome back to a busy looking Term 3! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and I would like to thank you for all the lovely gifts received at the end of term. After returning back all the children look very refreshed and ready to get back into our learning.

Literacy

This term, to coincide with our new topic, we will be doing a whole class novel study on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Most of our literacy activities including reading, writing, listening and talking will come from this study. Children will not be in reading groups for this, instead they will be working with a reading partner to understand the text in greater depth. Spelling practice will continue and we aim to transfer our new accurate spellings into our writing.

Numeracy

The children will begin the term by finishing off our multiplication and division focus in numeracy. We will then move onto exploring and working with fractions, decimals and percentages. I understand this coming topic can initially be confusing for many children so it is essential to keep up times table practice at home to make calculations easier. In maths we will begin a topic on data handling and look at the different ways of interpreting data. We also look at the mean, median, mode and range.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Over the next few weeks we will be finishing our topic on the Human Body. The children have really enjoyed this science based topic. We then will be moving onto another new and exciting topic - The Rainforest. We will be exploring map skills, climate zones, food webs, habitats and the impact of deforestation.

Health & Wellbeing

In health and wellbeing, as a class, we are focussing on friendships and building our resilience. This includes knowing what to do when we are upset and how best to independently handle disputes with friends. Mrs Stevenson will be beginning the 'Keeping Myself Safe' program with the children this week.

Additional Information

For most of the term the children will not be given weekly reading homework due to the consuming nature of the class novel study. I will notify you when home reading returns. In the meantime, we are encouraging children to keep their First Ministers Reading Challenge Passport up to date. LOL's will continue to be given on a three-week rotation. Please encourage your child to hand this in within the set time to enable the whole class to go over their fantastic efforts together in the time planned. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Thank you again for your continuing support and please do not hesitate to contact me should any need arise, Miss Denholm.