

Information for this term



Indoor playtimes

As we approach the likely wetter days of autumn, it would be very helpful if children could bring in an activity to keep in their tray for wet break times e.g. a puzzle book/comic/colouring book/ small board game etc. (No electronics please).



Visit us in Class!

We are always keen to learn with and from parents. If you would like to help us in class, please return the "parent helper" letter, indicating your availability.

If you have any particular skills or knowledge to share, even as a one off session, we would also love to hear from you.

Literacy

We are currently reading our first class novel: "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. The children are thoroughly enjoying this book and the many cross curricular activities stemming from it. Pupils are engaging in regular discussion linked to the book's key themes, which include bullying, friendship, kindness and inclusion. In Primary 6 we continue to use the six 'Active Literacy' comprehension strategies to help increase fluency and deepen understanding, in relation to both fiction and nonfiction texts. The children will soon also be given a reading book, to which they will further apply the strategies, working in smaller groups.

The children are continuing to develop their writing skills across a range of genres. So far we have focused on narrative writing (including imaginative and descriptive pieces) and the identification and use of persuasive language (linked to advertising). We will continue with these genres and also develop skills in report writing.

Numeracy

We are currently developing our skills in working with place value and the 'four operations' (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Whilst the children will continue to practise learning and reciting number facts linked to each of these, a key focus will be ensuring that all children are equipped with effective strategies which they can apply when tackling maths problems. We have daily mental maths sessions, during which different strategies are shared and explored, allowing pupils to develop their numerical 'fluency' and begin to identify the most efficient solutions.

Topic

Our first context for learning this year is linked to 'Our Caring World'. In P6S we will be considering the meaning of 'poverty', at a local level and beyond, and the ways in which we can make a difference. This will include work linked to food banks and 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. We will also have opportunities to work collaboratively with peers in P6G.

Health and Wellbeing

We have been working on our new class charter, linked to our class novel "Wonder" and will continue to learn about and apply the rights and values contained within the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Through the 'Bounceback' programme, pupils will explore core values such as resilience, honesty, cooperation and respect.



We will have PE every **Tuesday** and **Friday**. This term pupils will develop their ball skills through basketball and hockey and will practise working as a team. Please ensure that your child always has a gym kit in school, as well as a **water bottle**, which should be taken home each day to be cleaned and replaced with fresh water.

French

The children will continue to learn French this year, following a whole school, immersive approach. The children will be encouraged to use French during their every day routines. If you know any French, please support your child by talking to them in French at home too. You would also be welcome to visit us in class!

Snack

We are a health promoting school and therefore encourage children to bring healthy snacks. The Health Committee run a "Fruity Thursday" competition, with points being earned each week for every fruit or vegetable snack. The class with the most points at the end of term will win an extra playtime.

Helping at Home

An upcoming 'Meet the Teacher' evening will provide you with more guidance as to how best to help your child at home.

In general, you can help by reading with your child daily or taking them to your local library. You can also help by playing games with your child, such as multiplication and spelling games, focusing on any areas which they find tricky. If, at any point in the term, you would like specific advice as to how to support your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Useful Websites

www.spellingcity.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.sumdog.com

Free Apps

Sumdog

Math Slide



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Welcome to Primary 6S!



The children are settling well into their new class and I am looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead with them.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Miss Smith