

SCHOOL'S BACK!

2017/2018 Term 1

Newsletter 1

BACK TO ROUTINES

Hope you are settling into the routines of another school year.

Having just moved to Hecklegirth Primary, the class are doing a great job of keeping me right when it comes to the routines of the regular school day.

I have also introduced some routines they have not experienced before, such as the daily literacy circle and new homework choices. I'm sure we will all get used to these very soon.

As you are probably aware, I have a day out of class each week for professional development, therefore Miss Murray takes the class on this day. More often than not this is a Thursday but due to the region's schedule, this is open to change.

This year the class also have Mr Palmer for an hour lesson of Health and Wellbeing each week and have Mrs Foster once a week for P.E.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Our topic this term is *Portugal*, which was decided by a class discussion and finalised by a vote.

We plan to look at the landscape and agriculture of Portugal as well as their customs and hopefully some of their language. Have you been to Portugal before? It would be lovely to share information with your child and the class!

We will explore the landscape of Portugal through **art**. If possible, can you send in an old, oversized t-shirt or shirt that your child can wear during art to protect their uniform?

We will also be developing our **literacy** skills, specifically letter writing and persuasive writing through our topic by creating postcards and travel brochures.

I am excited to inform you that during this topic we will be making a link with an international school in Portugal.

In **maths** we will be developing our knowledge and confidence in place value and addition in parallel with the whole school approach to Mastery of Maths. As your child becomes more accurate with their addition we will be aiming to increase their pace.

Mrs Murray will be teaching data handling this term.

During our **literacy circles** the class will rotate through activities practicing their spelling words, grammar knowledge, comprehension skills and their engagement with their reading.

Homework Routines

Reading homework is over a whole week, this will be due on a different day dependant on the book they are reading. Each class member is to choose a challenge from the back of their homework book to help them engage with what they are reading.

Spelling homework is to choose a spelling challenge from the front of their homework jotter to help learn their week's spelling words.

They are welcome to make their own challenge if it helps them to learn and engage.

Maths homework will not be as regular but will be related to learning in class.

Things to remember:

- P.E kit on a Monday and Wednesday (can keep in school). No jewellery on these days and hair tied back.
- Paint shirt (if possible)
- Spelling homework due in on a Thursday
- Personal reading book for E.R.I.C time
- Names on clothes and belongings so they don't get mixed up

Curriculum for Excellence:
1st/2nd level

If you have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office or at the school gate at the end of the day.

Thanks for your support and interest,

Miss Tulloch

We shall fit in some more **outdoor learning**. This will develop our observational skills and scientific language related to the landscape around us.

I have timetabled a period of time after lunch each day to give class members an opportunity to have some **personal reading** time (E.R.I.C). I have told them they can bring in a choice from home or can choose one from our class library.

In P.E. we are practising our team work skills through hockey.