**Our Learning This Term.**

**Below is an outline of some of the aspects of learning your child will take part in this term.**

* **Language and Literacy –** Accelerated reading **STAR** test to be completed at the start for term. This will give your child a new reading range. We will then begin accelerated reading in class, on a regular basis. Skills for reading will continue to be taught in class, this will take the form of summarising skills, comprehension skills etc…. Reading books will also be sent home on a fortnightly basis.

**Writing –** our focus this term will be narrative writing and discursive writing. We will also be focusing on handwriting, with focused weekly handwriting lessons.

**French –** we will revise the P5 programme of work, before moving on to the P6 regional programme for Modern Languages.

* **Maths and Numeracy** – Rounding of numbers up to 5 digit numbers. Converting tenths as a fraction to a decimal fraction and vice versa. Ordering decimals from smallest to biggest. I can recognise the place value of and can partition decimal numbers up to 1 decimal place. I can recognise the place value of and can partition decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places. I can read, write and sequence decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places. I can find a fraction of an amount within a simple word problem where the numerator is a number other than one.
* **Health and Well Being** – We will be looking at cyberbullying and how to keep safe online. Settling in to Primary 6 – routines etc. and our class charter.
* **Digital Learning Experiences** – Establishing our own individual BLOG on Purple Mash. This will be shared with parents as part of the pupils ‘Celebration of Learning’. How to stay safe online and our responsibility to be a responsible ICT user.
* **Interdisciplinary learning** – This term we will begin learning about food chains and microorganisms. We will be classifying vertebrates and invertebrates, pollination of plants and genetic traits.

**Bikeability Scotland**



Primary 6 pupils are taking part in Bikeability Scotland. These pupils must bring their bike on the following dates:

**Monday 23rd September**

**Monday 30th September**

**Monday 7th October**

**Updated Homework Policy**

All Parents/Guardians should now have access to our updated Homework Policy. Please read this carefully. Homework will be issued on a **Tuesday for the following Monday**. A spelling test will now be undertaken on a **Monday afternoon**. Homework will be issued via Teams, therefore, it is vital that your child can access Teams at home. ***If you cannot access TEAMS it is important that you get in touch with me as soon as possible.***

**School Lunches** – Much of our morning is taken up with pupils having to order lunch. **The preferred method is to order online,** with the pupils knowing each day what they are having. They will then be given a coloured band which they will then take to the lunch hall.

**Our Daily Routine**

**Pupils when entering the classroom are asked to change into their indoor shoes. Once they have done this, they are asked to wash their hands with soap and water at the sink area. Throughout the day, your child can sanitize their hands using their own bacterial gel or have access to the sink area. When pupils cough or sneeze, they are asked to again wash their hands with soap and water.**

**When pupils are about to eat re: snack and lunch, pupils are again asked to wash their hands with soap and water.**

**Your child is expected to come to school with a water bottle already filled with water. Please ensure your child has an appropriate jacket/coat for Scottish weather.**

**Home-School Communication**

**In previous years, class teachers may have used home-to-school diaries; however, your son/daughter is now in Primary 6 and not too far away from beginning their secondary journey. Secondary schools mostly communicate via TEAMS with their pupils. We will be doing this for this year. Your child has already accessed their TEAMS page in class with me. All homework will be issued via TEAMS. Our TEAMS page is a class communication tool and should only be used for this purpose.**

**Specialist**

Our specialist for the year is Mr Sharp. His subject is PE and will be delivering experiences and outcomes from his curricular area to pupils throughout the school. Pupils will work with Mr Sharp who will deliver their PE entitlement as well as linking in with literacy and numeracy activities. Each pupil should receive 2 hours of PE during the school week.

**Please ensure your son/daughter comes to school prepared for the weather**. We have an all-weather MUGA, so there will be times when pupils will be out in inclement weather.

Our days for PE is a **Monday from 11.00-12.25 and a Wednesday from 9.45-10.30.** On these days, pupils are expected to bring a school PE kit to school. Jewellery should not be worn and long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons. If your child has stud earrings in, tape should be provided or your child can ask me and I will give them some.



**Homework**

**All homework will be issued on Teams on a Tuesday morning, with the expectation that it is submitted the following Monday. Spelling is expected to be submitted via Teams, which I will set as an assignment. Homework will be given once all assessments have been carried out. For the most part, homework will look like the following:**

* **Spelling** – Your child will receive an individual spelling list which will be assessed once per fortnight in class. Most children will also receive 10 phonics spelling words per week. These will be assessed in class on a Friday.
* **Reading** – Your child will receive a reading book once per fortnight. Sometimes your child may receive an additional task on their reading book. This may be their Accelerated Reading book or a book given by the class teacher.
* **Maths** – Maths homework this year will take place via Sumdog. We are currently working our way through the diagnostic assessments. Once these have been completed, I will assign tasks for your child. Like reading, tasks will be given once per fortnight.
* **From time to time, pupils may get an extended piece of homework on a context**. Plenty of time will be given to complete this task and all other homework will be tailored back during this time.

**Please contact me directly using my e-mail address, rather than post in Teams. I would like the Teams page to be purely for the pupils to use. My email address is:** [**gw10hannaylyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk**](mailto:gw10hannaylyndsey@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

**Welcome to Primary 6. I hope you have all had a lovely summer. We have hit the ground running and are working hard in P6. I must commend the pupils who have returned full of enthusiasm for their learning. Our open afternoon is from 2.15-2.45 on Tuesday 17th September.**

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