



NWCC P6 Newsletter Term 2 2019/2020

A warm welcome back to all children—we hope you had a lovely holiday. You will receive a termly class newsletter with general information and details about what we will be learning this term. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or Mr. Clark (Principal Teacher).

Inter-disciplinary Learning (IDL)

This term we will be doing a topic based around a technologies focus, a health and well being focus and a religious and moral education focus. We will be looking at communion, funerals, the comparison of Protestant and Catholic practices, Christmas and Bible stories in our religious topic. In technologies we are looking at farm to fork, menu design, meal design along with flag and t-shirt design. In health and well-being we will be looking at, smoking, alcohol, substance misuse, peer pressure, emergency situations and outside agencies.

Numeracy/Maths

This term we will be exploring the four operations, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.. We will also be looking at decimals, algebra , measure and data handling and time.. We will also be gaining knowledge of fractions and how these relate to real life contexts alongside number relationships.

Children will be focussing on different strategies to help solve problems using the four processes and they will also be given opportunities to apply this to real-life contexts. We hope you continue to promote the use of Sumdog at home to help support your child's learning in numeracy alongside numeracy homework.

Literacy

All children will have the opportunity to participate in Talking and Listening activities throughout Term 2. This will include working in small groups, being able to listen to other people's opinions and feeding them back to the whole class. This will be done through class discussion about the school values, class rules, topic work and news sharing.

Reading will continue in Term 2. Children will have 2 guided reading session in a week where we will focus on developing skills for reading and helping them to apply these skills to their writing. Reading comprehension will be part of these guided reading sessions. Children will also be encouraged to read independently promoting reading for enjoyment.

Another skill that we would also like them to transfer to their writing is that of using the correct grammar and punctuation. Children will be learning more about poetry, descriptive writing, sentence openers and connectives and how to apply this to their writing. Some of our writing this term will also be linked into the IDL topic of technologies.

Homework

Homework will consist of spelling ,reading and numeracy activities. Children will be given spelling homework on a Monday. They should complete the tasks in the jotter and return for a Thursday. Children will be given a spelling test based on some of their homework on a Friday. Reading activities will be given home on a Monday/Wednesday (to be returned for following Monday. A jotter will be given to every child to record their reading homework and any comments about their reading. Children will also receive dojo points for handing in their homework and also for completing their homework to a high standard.



Late-comers

If your child is late for school please take them to the school reception where they can make their own way to class. First thing in the morning is a very busy time for teachers - if you need to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment at the office.

Snack

The children have snack in class after their morning playtime. Please send your child with only one snack and try to encourage your child to choose a healthy snack. All children should take their water bottles home daily to be washed and re-filled. They can access their water bottle at any time of the day. No juice please. Children will be rewarded with a dojo point if they eat a healthy snack at break time.



Clothing

Please ensure all clothes are labelled—jumpers, polo shirts, gym clothes, gym shoes, jackets. This will help if your child misplaces an item of clothing. Our school uniform consists of black trousers/skirt, a white polo shirt/blouse or a black pinafore. Summer dresses and shorts are only allowed in Term 4 (after the Easter holidays).

P.E.

Your child will have 2 P.E. sessions each week. Children will have one PE session indoors and one outdoors. They will need black shorts, white t-shirt and gym shoes/trainers in a bag and also an outdoor version of this for their outdoor PE session e.g. joggers and hoody. No football strips please. **With the colder weather coming in, it is vital that children bring in their PE kits for their outdoor session of PE.** It would be beneficial if this could be sent in on a Monday and it will be sent home on a Friday to be washed.

Class Dojo

Most parents have signed up to Class dojo and are enjoying the benefits of seeing how well their child is doing at school as well as the regular information shared through the Class Story. It also gives parents the option to message the teacher directly.

Weekly Awards

Each week the school will focus on one of the NWCC school values i.e. *Responsibility, Unity, Growth or Success*. The class teacher will award two certificates at Assembly every week—one based on the focus school value and the other will be a star award.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01387 245100.

Staffing

P6a—Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Clark (Tues pm)

P6b—Miss Walsh, Mrs. Robertson (Tues pm, Weds all day.)

