



NWCC P7 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 Healthy Lifestyles. We will be learning about the Eatwell Plate and how we can balance each meal to ensure that it is healthy. We will also be learning about nutritional content, including intolerances and allergies and how investigating food labelling systems will provide an understanding for the children as to how to use them to make healthy food choices.. Additionally, the children will be learning to plan and run a coffee morning with healthy options.

After completing our topic on Healthy Lifestyles, we will learning about forces. The children will be investigating and comparing magnetic, electrostatic and gravitational forces to as well as applying a range of electrical components to help make a variety of circuits for different purposes. Additionally, the children will begin to understand how batteries work and will be encouraged to apply their learning to help build chemical cells using readily-available materials which can be used to make an appliance work.

Later in the term, we will be moving onto learning about Christianity. We will be looking at different Christmas traditions and the way in which different world religions celebrate the Christmas Festival.

Numeracy/Maths

This term we will be exploring Money and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages . The children will be carrying out money calculations involving the four operations as well as demonstrating an understanding of the benefits and risks of using bank cards and digital technologies. We will also be gaining knowledge of fractions and how these relate to real life contexts alongside number relationships. Additionally, the children will be applying their knowledge of equivalent forms of common fractions, decimal fractions and percentages to enhance their skills in solving these problems in everyday contexts. Furthermore, the children will be learning how to calculate simple fractions of a quantity to further enhance their skillset to progress on to creating equivalent fractions and expressing fractions in their simplest form,.

Literacy

During literacy in term 2, the children will be focussing on tools for writing. The focus will be imaginative writing through various stories and poems. The second focus will be report writing linked to science experiments and through an IDL context.

P7 will continue to work through spelling and grammar programmes and will aim to achieve individual reading targets throughout the term.

Homework

Homework will consist of spelling, reading and maths activities. P7B will be provided with their homework on a Monday and will be expected to complete this for a Friday. P7A will be issued homework on a Tuesday to be handed in on a Friday due to timetable changes. P7B will be given a spelling test based on some of their homework on a Friday and P7a will continue with a Friday dictation. Children will also receive dojo points 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.

P7A P.E Days: Wednesday Outdoor, Friday Indoor

P7B P.E Days: Tuesday Outdoor, Friday Indoor

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

Please note staffing changes for term 2. These are stated below:

P7A—Mr McKie, Mr Clark (Monday, Thursday pm)

P7B—Mr Malin, Mrs Maxwell (Thursday pm)

