



NWCC P6 Newsletter Term 3 2020

A warm welcome back to all children returning this session. 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 looking at World War 2. We will be doing a book study on Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo linked to World War 2 and looking at how it started, the main events that occurred and the aftermath of the war. Also this term we will be looking at the body (anatomy), in particular the skeleton and muscles in the body and how they work which will link into our topic about body changes. Our RME topic is looking at comparing world religions and beliefs, analysing and evaluating our own beliefs and then learning about the Easter story and linking this to how Easter is celebrated in Scotland and other countries around the world.

Numeracy/Maths

In Maths we will be looking at 2D and 3D shapes and money. The children will be identifying different 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. They will be investigating how nets of 3D shapes are made and constructing these themselves using a variety of resources. In our money topic we will be revising the different coins and notes of British money. We will be calculating totals and change mentally and using a calculator and correctly using the pound (£) and pence (p).

In Numeracy, we will be focusing on extending our understanding of the four numeracy processes. This includes addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. 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.

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 3. Children will have 2 guided reading sessions per 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.

Children will continue to learn spelling rules. We would like children to transfer this knowledge to their writing. Another skill that we would also like them to transfer to their writing is that of using the correct grammar. Children will be learning more about using ambitious punctuation 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 World War 2, for example, letter writing and diary entries.

Homework

Homework will consist of spelling, reading and maths. Spelling will be given out on a Monday to be completed for the Friday. Reading groups will be heard twice a week and will be given homework to complete for the next time on a rolling programme.

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. Children who bring water bottles to school can fill them up in school and have access to them 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 and a black sweatshirt. 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 shorts, 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. 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. If you have not yet signed up to Class Dojo then you will shortly receive another invitation to do so.

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 one certificate at Assembly every week – based on the focus school value and a star award every Friday in class.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office on 01387 720364.

Staffing

P6A – Mr Kilpatrick, Mrs Maxwell (Friday's pm)

P6B – Miss Walsh, Mr Clark (Wednesday's), Miss Aitchison (Friday's pm)