



What are we learning this term?

A warm welcome back to school, and to P6. We spent the first week selecting articles from the UNCRC to help form our Class Charter - we chose articles 31, 19, 28, 17, 33, 23 and 24. Our class charter display can be seen on Learning Journals.



Language & Literacy

Our class novel this term will be *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. Although a short book, it is excellent for practising visualising as the author uses a lot of imagery, and we will also look at aspects of grammar such as simile, metaphor and alliteration.

Each week we will work on 6 root words for the Wraparound Spelling programme. Pupils will be encouraged to stretch words to hear the sounds, and then grow the words in different ways. Spelling words will be posted onto Learning Journals and you can help your child practise this at home.

As part of our space topic, we will practise writing information reports based on what we learn, as well as trying out different forms of poetry.

Numeracy

Term 1 will see us practising different strategies to add, subtract, multiply and divide. This year we hope to improve our mental ability to perform these strategies for smaller numbers, and apply them to larger numbers in written methods. This is something we will practise regularly throughout the year, as these operations are involved across a number of numeracy outcomes.

Term 1 will include work on place value, rounding and estimating. We will also work on naming and identifying angles, and measure angles using protractors.

On Sumdog, we will redo the diagnostic assessment so that we can make sure we are working at an appropriate level. The class have been entered into the Sumdog National Maths Week competition which begins on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Sumdog and Topmarks have great games for practising maths skills at home.

Health & Wellbeing

**PE** - PE days will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Gym kit should be brought on these days, although we may do PE outdoors if the weather is suitable.



**Health** - We will be continuing with the school's PATHS health and wellbeing programme. We will use our Class Charter to help make our class a happy place to be and to learn, and we will explore feelings and reminders of strategies to cope with uncomfortable feelings. We will also look at different food and nutrition needs, and how advertising affects food choices.

Contexts for Learning



Miss McFarlane will take the class on a Tuesday. She will teach spelling, beyond number, RME, PATHS and PE this term.

In science, we will be learning about space, exploring planets and other features and making simple models.

In ICT we will use the Internet to help with this research. We will also be looking at typing more effectively for future careers.