



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 16, 24, 28 and 31. 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 & Mathematics

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 20th September. Sumdog and Topmarks have great games for practising maths skills at home.

Health & Wellbeing

PE - PE days will be on a Wednesday and a Thursday. Gym kit should be brought on these days, although we may do PE outdoors if the weather is suitable. We will be doing athletics and fitness this term.



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

Mrs McFarlane will take the class for one PE lesson on a Wednesday and will also teach RME this term.



In science, we will be learning about space, exploring planets and other features and making simple models. In ICT blocks we will use the Internet to help with this research, and also practise skills such as emailing, saving and sharing documents.