

## DREGHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL CLASS NEWSLETTER



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Term 2 Session 2019-2020

## This term we will be learning about the following:

<u>Literacy & English</u>: *Phonics* -Some pupils will continue their work on *CVC* words and then begin to learn some diagraph blends, some will continue to learn new diagraph blends and use these to make words and some pupils will continue to learn their spelling words from our Nelson Spelling resource. Weekly spelling homework will continue to be issued to help to reinforce and practise rules taught in class. In the classroom pupils will take part in active spelling activities and short written tasks.

**Reading** - We will be using the SHORS reading strategies we have been taught last term (questioning, predicting and visualising) and learning some news ones that will help us improve our reading skills. We will continue to develop our reading comprehension skills through a variety of texts, including our Biff, Chip and Kipper stories. We will also begin looking at some non-fiction texts this term.

Writing - We will continue to write weekly news and will focus on writing in a logical order. We will be writing acrostic poems, instructions and persuasive pieces of writing this term. Some pupils will be aiming to begin independent writing. Some children will be working towards writing longer and more detailed pieces of writing independently. The pupils will be introduced to the VCOP superheroes, Violet Vocabulary, Captain Connective, The Incredible Opener and Dr Punctuation.

<u>Numeracy</u>—Some pupils will learn about multiplication and will begin learning the 2, 5 and 10 times table. Some children will be adding and subtracting within 20 and will begin learning about place value (tens and ones). Some children will continue adding and subtracting within 20 and some within 10.

<u>Mathematics</u> We will be learning about measuring length and weight, shape and information handling this term. We will participate in many practical activities to develop our knowledge and skills in these areas.

## Our topic is: Toys

We will learn about toys from the past and modern toys. We will learn about forces like push and pull through practical experiments with toys. We will develop our design and technology skills by inventing a new toy and attempting to make it using a variety of materials. During music time we will learn and sing songs related to toys and games. At drama we will be taking a trip to Toy Town. Many of our writing and reading lessons will also be based on toys. In December, our role play area will be transformed into Santa's Toy Workshop!

In PE we will be learning about and practising: Hockey and Social Dancing. We will also practise our team working skills during team games.

In Technologies (including ICT) we will learn: We will use ipads and laptops to begin using our Sumdog resource to help us with our numeracy skills. We will also begin learning some basic word processing skills and drawing skills.

In RE we will learn about: Christianity. We will listen to the story of the Nativity and learn about why Christmas is important to Christians and how they celebrate it.

## Expressive Arts

Our expressive arts will be taught through our topic theme. We will design new toys, create new lego people and create an Andy Warhol style toys picture. We will go on a trip to Toy Town during drama and use the drama skills freeze frame and using movements and facial expressions to develop a character. In music we will learn some songs about toys and games and begin learning and performing our Nativity songs.

Other information: PE days: Tuesday and Thursday
You will be kept informed of any other things which may be happening this term.

Please remember to mark all school uniform and belongings with your child's name. Weekly homework will be issued soon. Please remember to return completed homework to school on a Friday to be marked and organised for the following week.