



DREGHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLASS NEWSLETTER



Primary 3/4
Term 2

Teacher - Mrs. Ligertwood
Session 2019-2020

This term we will be learning about the following:

Literacy

Reading homework is set on a Monday and Wednesday (individual readers are every day bar Friday). Reading Strategies, such as inference (looking between the lines), prediction and visualisation, are taught each week to encourage the children to engage more fully with what they have read. You can use questions at home to help them explore the meaning behind their reader more fully. Our class library is always popular. Comprehension work will focus on close reading for understanding and writing answers to questions. P3 will continue with phonic activities. Mrs. Reid takes the class for formal Grammar lessons. Spelling homework is set Monday and Thursday and test is on Friday.

Numeracy P3/4 will continue to learn strategies to enable quick computation in mental maths. You can help by asking them quick fire adding and subtraction questions. Reinforcement of mental maths will be through the use of Sumdog.

Magic Maths will learn about Fractions, $\times \div$ by 10 and 100, rounding to 100, word problems and formal lay out of \times sums.

Wizards will develop their understanding of multiplication and division of the 3 \times table, learn about tenths and fifths, number patterns and rounding to nearest 10.

Homework for Number will be issued on a Wednesday and this reinforces concepts taught in class.

Mathematics In Mathematics, we will be learning about time and shape.

Our topic is: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: We will be finishing off our topic this term; exploring the different characters in the novel, exploring chocolate and its development and using this to deepen our knowledge of fairtrade. We will also be very busy looking into a number of festivals that take place in Autumn and Winter like Hallowe'en, Guy Fawkes and Advent.

P3 will be extremely busy learning songs for the Infant Nativity which is on Thursday 12th December at 9:30am and 1:30pm.

Our Health and Well-being will focus on how to stay safe as the nights draw darker.

In PE: We will be practising hockey, rugby and learning our Scottish Country Dances this term. It is most helpful if gym kit (shorts and sandshoes) are kept at school in a nylon gym bag. This hangs on your child's coat peg and is easily available. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. No earrings allowed, sorry.

In Technologies (including ICT) we will be developing the use of our keyboard skills. We will do this throughout all curricular areas with a focus on numeracy. This will help us develop our speed when typing and manipulating the mouse pad.

In RE we will learn about: Buddhism and Christianity. We will do this by studying the lifestyles of Buddhist and the choices they make. On the lead up to the Christian festival of Christmas we will explore advent in more detail.

Expressive Arts

Autumn festivals are a great stimulus for art and drama. We will use the autumnal colours as a focus in our art work as we watch the seasons change. We are enjoying learning our Hallowe'en songs and have been incorporating elements of our Health and Wellbeing topic into our drama and story writing.

Other information: PE days: Monday Friday Library day: Friday

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. Please bring a water bottle each day and fruit break is at 10am. Many thanks!