



DREGHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL
CLASS NEWSLETTER



Primary 6

Teacher Mr McLaughlan

Term 1

Session 2019-2020

This term we will be learning about the following:

Literacy & English:

We will be reading 'Kaspar, Prince of Cats' by Michael Morpurgo. This leads into our topic next term on 'The Titanic'. We will use the novel for group reading and listening, discussion, comprehension and as a stimulus for writing and drama to improve our understanding of the text. Our writing will include imaginative letter writing to a relative in America we intend to visit and keeping a diary of our trip on board the Titanic. Ideas for function writing will link in with newspaper reports of the time as well as research about the Titanic.

Spelling will be from 'Nelson Spelling' and using spellingcity.com. All children have been given login in details.

Numeracy & Mathematics

This term we will be mainly developing numeracy skills through tables practise, factors of whole numbers and number games including 'Doubles and Halves'.

We will be looking at 'place value beyond 1000' including multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Others will be finding out more about fractions, decimals and percent, namely finding the lowest common denominator, ordering and adding fractions.

We will be using online resources to support our maths and numeracy learning and all children will have access to 'Sumdog'.

Our topic is: A novel study, 'Kaspar Prince of Cats' about a trip on the Titanic. We will be looking at facts about the Titanic and the expectations, finding out what life was like in the early 20th century in relation to communication, class, travel etc. We will map the planned route, find out about its construction, and conspiracy theories surrounding its sinking. We're also hoping we can arrange a visit from 'Captain Sean' an expert on all things Titanic.

Our Health and Well-being will focus on: Relationships and promoting positive thinking/behaviour and self-esteem.

In PE we will be learning about and practising: We will be developing fitness through 'boot camp' workouts and gymnastic skills, namely rolling and balancing with a partner.

In Technologies (including ICT) we will learn:

Research skills relating to our topic, travel by sea and the dangers, and life as it was then. Word-processing skills and ipad apps for numeracy and spelling, ie. 'Sumdog' and 'Spellingcity'.

In RE we will learn about:

In RE we will be looking at Christianity through investigating Scottish saints, namely St Columba and St Margaret.

Expressive Arts

P6 have been targeted for instrument tuition and the children are looking forward to getting their hands on their ukuleles and tuned percussion instruments. We will be using our topic to give us ideas for art, music and drama. In art, we will be using line, shade and different tones of paint to create an icy sea-scape. We will act out scenarios and use roleplay and mime to bring to life the characters from the novel and the passengers on board.

Other information: PE days: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and regular Fit 15 activities.

Library day: TBC

Music Specialist Mr Wilde- Mondays.

You will be kept informed of any other things which may be happening this term.