



**DREGHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CLASS NEWSLETTER**



Primary 7b

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Term 1

Session 2018-2019

This term we will be learning about the following:

**Literacy & English:** This term, we are reading R. J. Palacio's novel 'Wonder'. This will provide a focus for all lessons in literacy. In writing, we will be focusing on planning our writing; taking notes and looking at different sources to develop our thinking. We will also be writing persuasively, and will be writing imaginatively, taking on the persona of different characters in the novel. We will read as a class as well as reading in small groups, enabling us to take part in valuable discussions around the text. We will also be using various reading strategies such as inference, questioning, visualising and prediction to develop a deeper understanding of the novel.

Spelling and Grammar lessons will be weekly, where children will learn about different tools they can use to develop their writing. Children will be tested weekly on spelling words, and these will also be given out for homework.

**Numeracy:**

**Purple:** This term, we are working with fractions, decimal and percentages. We will be simplifying fractions and converting these to decimals and percentages. After this, the purple group will be using rules to create different number patterns.

**Blue:** The blue group are learning to use expressions this term. We will be creating algebraic equations to solve problems. Later on in term 1, we will be developing our mental strategies when multiplying 2 and 3 digit numbers.

**Green:** The green group will be working on place value, learning to add on 10, 100 and 1000 confidently. After this, we will be learning to make connections between different numbers, and will be using the 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to' sign.

**Mathematics**

**Triangles and Squares:** This term, we are working on time. We will be learning how to interpret timetables, work out time differences as well as organising and recording time on a time line.

**Circles:** This group will be focusing on shape and symmetry. We will look at different lines of symmetry in shapes and patterns as well as creating our own symmetrical patterns.

**Our topic is: Wonder**

The novel 'Wonder' will provide a focus for all the work that we do in class. We will be researching medical conditions, and will be participating in fun science lessons around Genetics and DNA.

**Our Health and Well-being will focus on: Friendships and kindness.** Linking to our topic Wonder, we will be focusing on ourselves as unique individuals and celebrating our differences.

**In PE we will be learning about and practising:** Building skills such as strength, flexibility and sequencing within gymnastics. Also we will be working on possession skills in basketball.

**In Technologies (including ICT) we will learn:**

This term, we are looking at the reliability of different sources of information. We will use various search engine to determine what is reliable or not and will be looking at primary and secondary sources. We will also begin our Glow Blogs.

**In RE we will learn about:** The Jewish entertaining holiday Purim, focusing on religious art, traditions and beliefs.

**Expressive Arts**

**Drama:** We will be using Hot Seating techniques to show expression in the role of character.

**Music:** We will be learning about music appreciation and how music makes us feel.

**Art:** We will be using drawing implements to show different tones in our work.

**Other information: PE days: Monday, Thursday, Friday**

**Library day: Monday**

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

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be returned by the Wednesday.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions or problems!

Mrs Dickson & Miss Higgins