

**Literacy & English**

Reading – This term our class novel is “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. This is a marvelous novel and it will allow pupils will explore word choice, characters, setting and much more. We will particularly focus on developing our comprehension skills. Mr. Baillie will continue to provide targeted reading support to those who require it using our Rapid Readers and Big Cat reading schemes.

Writing – We will focus this term on Description Writing. We are excited to develop our writing using adjectives, similes and metaphors to up-level our work and produce quality descriptions. Mr. Baillie will work with our Mangos group every Monday to boost their writing skills.

Talking and Listening – Circle time and Check-In’s will continue to provide regular opportunities for your child to share their emotions and news in a comfortable setting. Our school show will further provide opportunities to develop our listening and talking skills.

Spelling/Phonics – We will continue to expand our skills through a variety of active and paper based activities. We will use the Nelson Spelling Scheme to guide alongside various phonics programs to support pupils. Occasional spelling tests will be held to assess progress and understanding.

**Social Studies**

This term will be split into two focuses. Our primary focus until December will be on our Novel Study “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. This topic will allow us to consider advertising, inequalities within society, and how we ought to treat others. It will also provide an exciting context to explore various sustainable development goals and Fairtrade. Within December, our focus will shift to prioritise our Christmas show. Pupils will explore the themes and meanings within the show whist working collaboratively with pupils from P4 to P7 to create the finished performance. We cannot wait to show you what we have been working on.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please get in touch by calling the school office. We will be more than happy to discuss things as, like you, we want the very best for your child.

Thank you,

Miss Gaw

**Health & Wellbeing**

Our P.E. days this term are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. We ask that pupils do not wear jewellery on these days. Pupils should bring a change of clothing (shorts/T-shirt/sandshoes) on these days. We are exploring Tennis with Mr. Baillie considering movement and co-ordination and we are exploring Gymnastics with Miss Gaw. We will also investigate the wider topic of food. We plan to consider different food groups, product advertising and the journey of food linking with our global goals.

**Expressive Arts**

This term we are very excited to develop our artistic skills in our Christmas Show, ‘Peter Pan’. We cannot wait to develop our singing, dancing and acting skills as we prepare to perform for you. We will be using a variety of skills to create props, sets, costumes and artwork for the show.

We will also use our school resource ‘Charranga’ to develop our musical skills by playing the Glockenspiel and following a beat.

**Maths & Numeracy**

This term we are focusing on the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be exploring different strategies such as partitioning and counting on with our “Superhero Strategies”. A key focus this term will be building our mental skills when adding and subtracting. Pupils will learn through a variety of active and written activities to provide a broad range of learning opportunities tailored to the needs of your child. Concrete materials will be available to all children to support their learning. Our Maths/Numeracy program combines the use of textbooks, interactive smartboard activities, games, outdoor activities, Sumdog and Education City to create a fun learning experience for all.

**Homework**

This term we are trialing a “no homework” policy. Please see the Head teacher’s Newsletter for addition information. All children have been issue a Digital Passport with suggested activities and websites to allow them to continue learning at home if they wish.

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