

CLASS NEWSLETTER

Summary since September

Literacy

Spelling – Pupils have been continuing to work on their spelling strategies. Pupils are now looking to transfer their spelling skills in to all of their writing.

Reading – Pupils looked at non-fiction this term with a focus on their Rainforest topic. They have also read either, "Dragonfire" or "The Eleventh Orphan." Pupils are continuing to develop their reading strategies and become more independent in their tasks. We are finishing this term with exploring media through Christmas adverts and analysing how themes and techniques are used to influence the viewers.

Taught Writing – So far we have covered narrative writing, persuasive writing and poetry.

<u>Maths</u>

This term, pupils have looked at multiples, factors, prime numbers, long multiplication, fractions, angles, symmetry, BODMAS, decimals and money. The pupils have also been working on subtraction for their mental agility.

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Summary Continued . . . Health and Wellbeing

Pupils have been exploring the themes of Healthy, Nurtured and Achieving this term. They have done this by looking at substance misuse, ambitions for careers within the food industry and creating a nurturing ethos for the school in regards to exercise.

For PE the class have been focusing on team games and have been given more opportunities to lead their learning by planning and delivering PE games for their peers.

Topic

The P7 topic this term was The Rainforest and pupils have been developing their research skills and linking their learning with skills learned across the curriculum.





Wider Achievements

Many pupils in the class have received an award this term for displaying the Mossend values. These values have been acknowledged through our Dojo reward system.

The school has achieved the Digital Schools Award, which all pupils have contributed towards through their enthusiasm for digital learning. Pupils will continue to enhance their digital skills and be a role model for other schools in the area.

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What we are learning next

Literacy

Next term, the class will be looking at novels. One of these novels will link in with previous work undertaken on sectarianism with Holy Family PS and Nil by Mouth. In writing, the class will develop their skills in writing narrative pieces, recounts and discursive pieces. There will also be a big focus on grammar and punctuation in their writing. The spelling programme will continue to run with weekly spell checks to check progress. Pupils will still be encouraged to transfer their spelling skills in to their everyday writing.

<u>Maths</u>

Next term, the class will be covering algebra, percentages, area, measurement and probability. They will continue to work on their mental agility with a focus on multiplication.

Health and Wellbeing

Next term, the class will look at the following themes: active, respected and responsible.

PE will continue to take place outdoors.

<u>Topic</u>

Next term, pupils will be looking at Scotland for their topic and linking this with the themes from their Literacy novels. They will also explore significant Scots.



You can contact your child's teacher directly by emailing <u>enquiries@mossend.n-</u> <u>lanark.sch.uk</u>. Please mark it for their attention and allow a few days for replies during normal school hours



Other class specific information (PE Days, Glow Information, homework etc)

PE days will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Any changes to this will be communicated on the app.

Pupils are encouraged to access Glow at home to complete home learning tasks. Their home learning tasks will continue to be set weekly.

This term the class have had a couple of transition assemblies with Bellshill Academy. They had the opportunity to meet some of the teachers and pupils and had a chance to ask some questions. More of these assemblies are scheduled for next term.



Christmas Messages/Activities/Enterprise

The class have collaborated to create a short movie with a Christmas theme. This will be shown at the Christmas assembly at the end of term. They all worked well together to plan the script, costumes and setting.

We have also designed Christmas tea light holders as part of our enterprise.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we will see you all in the New Year!

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