August - October 2017

P5/6 have had a great first week getting used to our brand new classroom. We hope that this newsletter will give you a flavour of the learning taking place for the rest of the term.

**Literacy & English**

Reading:

* Respond to and create a variety of questions.
* Understanding and applying a range of comprehension strategies – focus on questioning, visualisation and inference.

Writing:

* Informative and Persuasive writing
* Developing writing from a different point of view.
* VCOP – focus on applying interesting vocabulary.

Listening & Talking:

* Listen to information and sort under sub-headings.
* Debating and responding to opposing points-of-view.

Grammar:

* Compare text written in past, present and future tense.
* Identify verbs, adjectives and adverbs.
* Use full stops, capital letters, commas, question and exclamation marks.

Spelling:

* Learning different spelling patterns (e.g. tion, ing, th etc).
* Use various resources (e.g. dictionaries, VCOP wall) to check own learning.

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**Numeracy & Maths**

* Estimate and check calculations.
* Solve problems using knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.
* Identify and use common units of measure, mm, cm, m, km, T, kg, g, mg.
* Understand and use the concept of scale.
* Understand and use the concepts of ratios.

**Interdisciplinary Learning**

* Understand the difference between a Primary and Secondary source.
* Investigate Non-renewable energy and how better to conserve it in school and at home.
* Research the positives and negatives of non-renewable energy.
* Investigate our Solar System, looking at how the planets move and interact.
* Develop 3D modeling skills creating our own solar system.
* Understanding hygiene and the role of mircoscopic organisisms by looking at the Black Plague.

**Health & Wellbeing**

* Identifying the different relationships in our lives and what is needed to make them positive.
* Identifying and understanding the different skills needed to build and maintain positive relationships.
* Mr Cox will be looking at observing and evaluating skills in football and hockey.

**Additional Information**

* Homework information and guidance will be issued after the ‘Meet the Teacher’ night next week.
* We will also now have P.E. on a Monday and Wednesday this term. It is important pupils have kit with them every week.
* P5/6 will be engaging in outdoor education on Wednesday 30th August in the garden. It will be school uniform as normal, but please make sure they have waterproof layers and foot wear with them.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office, email or your child’s homework diary and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,

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