

Primary 6 Learning Letter: Term 2



Dear Parent/Carer,

November 2015

Welcome to Term 2 in Primary 6. This term the children are looking forward to learning about the history of film, iconic movies and actors as well as having the opportunity to write and create their own piece of media. This term, the children's learning experiences will include investigating the human body in Science and will have the chance to show off their basketball skills at the P6 Basketball Festival in West Lothian. Children will get the opportunity to take our 'new' class member Spike home to learn more about Scottish culture and traditions as well as any photo opportunities with famous people to further his career. Children will continue to be challenged each morning with quick start activities including maths, literacy and thinking problems to stimulate their learning.

Ms Snobel, P6 Teacher.

English & Literacy

This term, we will continue developing our knowledge of Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation (VCOP), handwriting and spelling. The children are continuing to use up-leveiling techniques to improve the standard of their writing. This process also involves self and peer assessment.

Through the IDL context of 'The Very Important Bear', our writing will focus on a variety of genres including scripts, diary entries, letters, invitations, and reviews. The children have already written some creative persuasive letters to convince me that they should open our secret delivery box containing our bear Spike.

Our reading in term 2, will focus on reading in preparation for writing and Reading Routes comprehension activities and other Higher Order Thinking Skills. Homework activities will be linked to a variety of reading skills based on their novel and will be due every Wednesday.

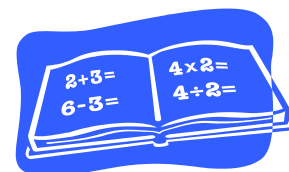


Maths & Numeracy

This term, our grouped maths work will focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using a range of written and mental methods, sharing our approaches and solutions with others. We will also be looking at rounding numbers to nearest 10, 100 and beyond.

In whole class maths, pupils will be investigating compass points, degrees and bearings to plan a direction, route or journey.

Come along to our pop in session on 24th November at 2.40pm and the children will teach you more about Sumdog, Purple Mash and other useful online resources.



Interdisciplinary Learning: Very Important Bear

This term our context for learning is The Very Important Bear (Spike). We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of literacy, technologies and expressive arts. The key questions we will look at are:

- How have movies developed from silent film to present day? (celluloid to animation)
- What are some of the features of iconic or influential films and how can we include them in our own film?
- How can we portray our main character in our script to ensure he has the recognisable traits of an iconic and influential actor?
- How can we plan and organise an event to showcase a variety of different film genres?
- How are movies planned/made and distributed and how can we make a successful movie?

Additional Information

P.E. with Mrs. Mitchell will be on Wednesdays and outdoors with Ms. Snobel on Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days.

All children in P6 have a login for Sumdog. Could you please encourage your child to regularly use this website to further enhance their mental maths knowledge. Regular practice of timestables will help your child gain confidence in most aspects of maths. Please ensure your child is completing their spelling and reading homework to a high standard every week.

Homework

Spelling homework and FOFF will be given every Monday and should be handed in on Friday. Reading homework and group maths homework will be given on a Wednesday and should be handed in the following Wednesday.