

Primary 6 Learning Letter: Term 4



Dear Parent/Carer,

April 2017

We're looking forward to a great final term in Primary 6. Pupils have recently begun their various responsible roles around the school and are enjoying taking on extra responsibility. We are also starting our new IDL context, 'How does your garden grow?'. Exciting and challenging activities will be completed by the pupils, using the context of our own playground and surrounding areas. If any parents or carers would like to donate their time or materials to help with our topic we would very much appreciate it.

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P6 Teacher

English & Literacy

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

Through the IDL context of 'How does your garden grow?' Writing lessons will focus on a variety of genres including leaflets and persuasive writing techniques. We will also look at using elements of an author's style in our writing, linking to themes from Reading lessons.

Reading lessons in term 4 will continue to focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills, identifying the key features of different genres and making connections to other areas of the curriculum. We will be particularly be focusing on moods, themes and ideas conveyed in a story.

Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be focusing on the relationship between multiplication and division. We will be using many strategies to divide whilst also learning to recall all multiplication and division facts.

In mental agility, the children will be continuing to develop their mathematical strategies through Number Talks. This approach encourages the children to find the most efficient way to reach an answer to a given problem.

Furthermore, we will spend some time learning about algebra and using timetables.

You can support your child's maths development at home by regular number facts revision such as times tables and associated division facts and links to maths in real life contexts. Sumdog is also a good resource to develop children's mental agility and quick recall of maths facts.

Interdisciplinary Learning: How does your garden grow?

This term our context for learning is 'How does your garden grow?'. We will be exploring this through the curriculum areas of Science, Social Studies, Technologies. The key questions we will look at are:

1. How does our playground compare with other outdoor environments?
2. How does our outdoor space affect the way we live, work and relax?
3. What wildlife is attracted to our playground and why?
4. Why do some plants grow in some areas and not others?
5. What materials are most suitable for outdoor use?

Additional Information

P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your child brings the correct clothing to change into on P.E. days. This includes clothing suitable for taking part in P.E outdoors (i.e. jogging bottoms and trainers).

Dates to Remember

P6 & P7 IDL trip (Date TBC)
11th May – Sex Education Information Evening – 5pm.
18th May – Reading Curriculum Evening.

Homework

Spelling, Maths and Reading homework will be given every Monday and should be completed and handed in on Friday. Periodically, IDL tasks will be given which will give the children opportunities to use research skills.