August-October 2019

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a brilliant summer. We're really looking forward to all the exciting things we're going to be doing this year.

Numeracy & Maths

In numeracy we will be developing children's knowledge of place value, learning about tens, hundreds and thousands, for some. We will also revise quick recall of related addition and subtraction facts, (e.g 6+1=7 so 7-1=6). Children should be encouraged to practise these skills at home as much as possible. In Maths, we will be working on shape, position and movement and these lessons will be taught by Miss Hendrie. We will then further explore this and apply knowledge through our Houses and Homes topic.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Our topic this term is going to be **Houses and Homes**. Most areas of the curriculum will be explored through our topic and children will be given opportunities to apply their learning by investigating problems, working independently and with others. Similar to Primary 1, the children will be encouraged to take the lead and think of ideas and questions they would like to find out. We will be going a walk in the local area to spot different features of houses and homes, and think of questions to lead our learning. Look out for a letter soon. We would love it if you could join us! We would love to welcome any visitors who could come in and help us with our topic.

Literacy & English

For our writing this term we will be focussing on aspects of VCOP – Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. Our writing will be related to our topic with a focus on descriptive writing initially.

Reading

Miss Morland's class will have reading groups on Monday and Wednesday. Miss Craig's class will have reading groups on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please hear your child reading and discuss the book, also encouraging them to think of their own questions to ask you! As well as developing reading fluency we will be focusing on developing children's understanding of characters, setting and plot.

Reading books and records should be brought to school every day.

Spelling will continue with the Home Learning on a fortnightly basis.

Health & Wellbeing

In P.E. we will be learning some team building games working inside and outside. Children should come to school wearing PE kit on PE days (Wednesday and Thursday). This can be black joggers/leggings and appropriate school polo shirts (no football colours) and suitable shoes. We would encourage children to bring a water bottle to school every day. No juice is allowed in the classrooms. All belongings must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Additional Information

Reading — Tuesday and Thursday for Miss Craig's classs. Monday and Wednesday for Miss Morland's class. PE- will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

Gym Shoes — Please ensure your child has a pair of indoor gym shoes in school (not to be worn outside)
Home Learning- New home learning will be issued on a Thursday and given a fortnight to complete. Return on Wednesday.

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 reading record and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks, Miss Craig and Miss Morland

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