

# Primary 6 Newsletter

August - October 2019

We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and the children are now ready to work hard in P6. We hope that this newsletter will give you a flavour of the learning taking place this term!



## Numeracy & Maths

This term our focus for numeracy will be number sequences and grouping and place value. Through mental maths/ mental arithmetic we will revise addition, subtraction, division and multiplication and link these where possible with real life practical examples. We will look at place value, including after the decimal point and numbers below zero. Children will develop their understanding using both active and written methods.

Our problem solving focus this term will allow the children to use their number knowledge when solving problems involving patterns, rounding and fractions.

## Interdisciplinary Learning

This term our topic will be Harry Potter. Children will read Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone together as a class and complete various literacy, maths, science and expressive arts tasks and will steer the learning using a child centred approach where the topic is taught using the children's ideas and interests.

The P5-7 show will take place on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. This year it will be dedicated to the phenomenal musical talents of the band – Queen, telling their story through some of their greatest hits. All classes will work together to bring you what we hope will be an unforgettable performance. Hope to see you there!

## Literacy & English



This term, spelling will take place at the beginning of every Literacy lesson, with children getting new words every two weeks. During reading, the children will be taught to analyse a text using a variety of strategies including prior knowledge (metacognition), tricky words (metalinguistics), visualisation, key comprehension questions and summarising skills. We will begin to explore these strategies as a whole class using our Harry Potter novel.

Grammar and punctuation lessons will also be used to develop writing skills and we will be focusing on sentence construction and punctuation this term.

In writing, we will use our class novel as a stimulus to produce a variety of texts ranging from newspaper articles, story writing in a specific genre and recounts.

We will continue to use cursive handwriting during handwriting lessons and in our everyday writing.

## Health & Wellbeing

Classes will have PE with Mrs Howard on a Monday. We also have PE on a Wednesday where we will be learning, creating and playing different team games.

Our PE days this year will be Mondays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate PE kit on these days.

In class, we will be using our school JIGSAW resource to focus on the year ahead, setting goals and discussing our aspirations. We will also be focussing on our responsibilities as citizens and what this means.

## Additional Information

Mr Muller will be teaching Primary 6p Problem solving on a Tuesday. He will also be teaching P6cs RME on Mondays.  
Mrs Smillie will be teaching Primary 6cs on Thursdays.

Please access the school blog and website for home learning and class updates.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions please feel free to contact us through our school blog, school office, email or a written note and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,  
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