



Primary 6 Class



Term 2

Welcome to our class newsletter.

Have a read through all of the exciting things we have planned for the coming term!

Literacy & English.

Our focus this term will be to continue with handwriting - presentation and spelling, building upon last term's work. We will be looking at Alliteration, Similes and Metaphors in our grammar sessions and within our reading sessions, we will be developing our comprehension and questioning skills linked to the reading we do in class. Our focus for writing this term will be to look at the structure of Information Reports. The children will have the opportunity to experience modelled writing and then produce their own pieces with increasing complexity.

Class talks will continue through this term with a child being chosen weekly and having 2 weeks to prepare. (Please see separate Success Criteria sheet sent home when they have chosen their topic to research).

Numeracy & Maths

Within our Numeracy we will be continuing to working on our rapid recall of basic number bonds as well as our times tables. We will be looking at how we can use these skills in a variety of contexts to solve problems. We will focus on the 4 operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and the vocabulary associated with these.

Our Topical Maths will be focusing on Shape, Angles, Tessellation (tiling) and Symmetry.

Homework will include numeracy challenges and/or a topical maths task. You will find these on the Weekly Homework Diary sheet in your child's homework folder.

Interdisciplinary Learning

We will be focusing in-depth on Victorians, looking in depth at; schooling, working, Rich and Poor, British Empire, Advances in Science, Technology, Engineering as well as traditions of Christmas that were introduced during the Victorian Era.

We hope to work on our Enterprise and Eco skills for the Christmas Fayre, by making our own recycled paper for gift cards to accompany our key fobs made from recycled pencil sharpenings - sounds odd, but should be great!

Health & Wellbeing

Children will have 2 PE sessions per week - one with myself (Monday afternoon) and the other with Miss McAllister (Wednesday morning). This term will be Invasion games, both indoor and outdoor, so please ensure indoor and outdoor PE kits are brought on PE days.

Our Health and well-being in the classroom will be focusing on our GIRFEC - SHANARRI, which will be the focus during Snack, Chat & Learn. During HWB sessions will also be focusing on Person Hygiene, Substance Misuse - Alcohol & Tobacco and the influence that peer pressure can have on substance misuse.

We continue to use **Pickers**, as a daily check-in.

Numeracy & Maths Vocabulary

This is a variety of vocabulary, but is by no means exhaustive.

- 2D & 3D Shape names
- Tessellation (tiling)
- Angles - right, acute, obtuse, reflex & straight
- Symmetry
- Rotation, degrees, protractors.

Addiewell Aces Padlet

Please use the Addiewell Ace Padlet to share any achievements your child has at home. This can be anything that they feel proud of.

The padlet can be accessed by using the QR code.



Class Information

Mrs Simpkins & Mrs Swan (before playtime) are the key adults with the class.

Daily snack (20p/day) available, which could be paid for daily, but would be appreciated if it were weekly or even termly.

PE Days - Monday pm and Wednesday am. Children should bring a suitable change of clothes for PE - T-shirt, shorts and a pair of suitable shoes for participating in sports/games, for health and safety reasons. I will make storage available if you would like to send it on Monday and for it to be kept in school until Friday, when children can bring it home to be laundered.

Children have asked that if they are bringing bottles for hydration into school. The children will be able to access these at any time during any session, from where they are located on the shelf at the cloakroom area, so children do not miss-out on any learning opportunities.

Homework will be set, Wednesday to Wednesday. (I will be providing a HOMEWORK CLUB during a Thursday lunch time, that children can attend if they wish to have some adult help)

Thank you with your co-operation, to ensure the class is a safe and enjoyable environment for your children to learn and thrive.

Dates For Your Diary

- **Coffee and chat – Head Teacher Chat** online 5pm – 5.30pm (link will be sent out via Groupcall Xpressions)
- **Primary 2/1 Stay and Play** - Thursday 2nd November 8.45am – 9.30am
- **Helping Kids Love Literacy Workshop** – Wednesday 8th November 2.30pm – 3pm
- **Primary 4 Class Assembly** – Monday 13th November 2.15pm
- **Coffee and chat – Head Teacher Chat** 2.30pm – 3.10pm
- **Christmas Fayre** – Friday 1st December
- **Snapshot sharing** – Thursday 7th December – 2.15pm – 3.10pm
- **Christmas holiday** - break on Friday 22nd December return Monday 8th January

Parent Council Events For Christmas

- **Dress down days for donations for fayre**
 - November 10th - Kids tombola
 - November 24th - Adult tombola
- **Magic squares and games** - 27th and 30th Nov
- **Wrapping Service** - gifts £1 - 4th, 5th, 13th and 14th December
- **Christmas Fayre** – Friday 1st December

A full list of Christmas events will be sent out to you mid November.

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



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