



Primary 7 Learning Leaflet

Information for Parents and Carers

Term 3 January-March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you very much for your generous gifts.

Numeracy

This term we will continue our work with number properties and begin work with Time, developing understanding of twelve and twenty-four-hour clock, including calculating journey times and world time zones. We will then move on to Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages. Mental, approximation and times table skills will continue to be developed. Pupils will be using Education City – an online resource with various activities to support their learning. This will be accessed via the school iPads.

Literacy

Children will take part in reading groups this term and reading tasks both during class work and homework. This learning will aim to develop higher order thinking and critical literacy skills within group and individual tasks. To support this, as a class we shall be reading *Boy* by Roald Dahl.

In writing, children will develop their creative writing with critical study of the technical aspects of poetry and other texts. Factual and informative writing will also be a focus in relation to our topic this term.

Health and Wellbeing

Our focus for this term is 'Effective Contributors'. Play leader responsibilities will continue to take place, towards the end of the term they will contribute to the transfer of responsibility to the Primary six pupils. Internet safety, including appropriate use of social media such as Facebook, Snapchat and Whatsapp, will be explored. Pupils will develop their awareness of the importance of their digital footprint and impact on themselves and others. Weekly learning logs will encourage pupils to reflect on their learning. In PE pupils will learn the rules of netball and play matches.

To support our understanding of time, pupils will incorporate fitness lessons with monitoring heart rate and pulse. Please ensure pupils have their PE kit in a named bag and in school for Mondays and Thursdays. Towards the end of term we will return to the garden, getting ready for the spring, chitting potatoes and planting seeds indoors. Children will be involved with the organisation and preparation for the Sunflower Growing Competition, developing enterprise skills.

Interdisciplinary learning

Our topic this term is Space! Pupils will develop their understanding of our solar system, galaxy and universe, including cosmonauts, our night sky and the importance of stars. Pupils will undertake a personal project, researching a chosen area of space and presenting their findings to the class. Further details can be found in the Homework Diary. Digital technology will be used, where possible, to enhance learning. In Art we will focus on our shading to create 3D objects, space scenes and 3D models of the planets.

French and Japanese

We will continue to develop our language work, aiming to increase our confidence in speaking to others. Basic Japanese greetings and words will continue to be explored.

Homework

Spelling homework will be issued on a Monday and due back on a Friday. Half of their spelling words follow the given spelling rule that week, the other half are words which they have spelt incorrectly in their jotters from the previous week. Reading homework is issued on a Monday due for Monday. Individual reading tasks will be set alongside reading. Occasionally maths or topic related homework will be set. A note explaining the task will be in pupil planners.

Additional information

Monday: PE with Miss Carter. **Pupils may come to school dressed for PE.**

Thursday: Science with Mr Cole-Hamilton and PE with Mrs Hunt

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Carter