

P5/6 Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome to term 3! I hope everyone enjoyed a restful festive season. We have lots of great learning planned this term - here's what we have in store.

Literacy and Language (including Spanish)

Our class continue to read group novels twice a week. We are focussing on developing expression when reading aloud and being able to discuss various elements of their book. We will also have ERIC time on Fridays this term, with children being able to select their own reading book and read at their own pace. Books from home may be used for this. We will also have a range of challenging texts available in class for the children to choose from.

In writing, we will be focusing on writing explanations and news reports this term. The children will have to research some topics in order to write their pieces. The news reports will be linked to our topic this term - more about this later! The class will have talk time every Wednesday to discuss ideas for writing the next day.

This term we'll be learning French and Spanish - we'll be looking at similarities between the two languages. We will be practicing our daily routine in both languages (saying hello, what the date is, what we're having for lunch, what the weather's like, talking about our daily learning). We'll also be learning about how to talk about our family, including pets.

Ways to support at home.

*Children could be encouraged to chat about their group reading book at home. It would also be good to hear them read aloud to help them add expression when reading.

*Spelling words will still be sent home each week on a Friday and be posted on Teams. The more the children practise these, the better!

*The children will have talk time on a Wednesday to decide what they will write about on Thursdays; why not ask them what their ideas were and discuss them? They could also do some research on the topic for the next day's writing.

Numeracy and Maths

This term we will be continuing to work with multiplication and division. We will also do work linked to fractions, decimals and percentages, exploring how these are linked and when we might need to use them in real life.

Ways to support at home.

The link below will lead you to some clips and games which help practise working with these areas of maths.

[Fractions on a number line - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Comparing fractions - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Order simple fractions - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[How to simplify fractions - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Finding a quarter of a shape and an amount - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Fractions of amounts applied in context - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Equivalent fractions and decimals - Maths - Learning with BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Fractions and Decimals Maths Games \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

Health and Well-being (including PE)

Our Topic

We have a new topic this term - Natural Disasters. We have planned what we'd like to learn about this topic and what activities we'd like to do. We've identified lots of different disasters to learn about, such as tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanoes. Activities we'd like to do include creating powerpoints, building models and writing news reports. Keep an eye on our Teams page for photos of these activities!

We will also get together in our year groups for Health and Wellbeing.

PE will be on Wednesdays this term with Miss McMillan. The class will be learning netball and golf skills.

Other information

* Please ensure that children are wearing jackets which are both cosy and waterproof. Cosy footwear too please - it's chilly in that playground!

*children should also bring a filled water bottle to school with their name on it.

*Please inform me of any medical/ kit issues which mean your child cannot participate in any activity. Please also ensure any inhalers and medication consent forms are handed in to school.

