

A warm welcome to P6B! We have had a positive and productive start to term 1 and look forward to an exciting and busy time ahead.

Learning Across the Curriculum

We have begun our class topic for the term, The Victorians. The children have learned about life of Victorian Children and we are moving on to investigate Victorian inventions. The class have also studied the artist William Morris and have created printed artwork using his work as inspiration.

In French, the children will be reinforcing their knowledge of the French alphabet and the French calendar. They will be using the i-pads to learn about important events in French history.

For PE this term, we will be learning skills for invasion games with a focus on basketball and netball. PE sessions will be with Mr Fullerton on Mondays and Mrs Paterson on Fridays. Please ensure that children have PE kits with them on these days.

This term the class will also be working with Mrs Allan on Wednesdays and they will be developing their understanding of Islam. They will have Ms Charlton for Drama as well as the Erasmus music scheme on Thursday.

Literacy

Our class novel, *Street Child*, lends itself well to our topic and we have been developing our writing skills in using evidence from the text. We have been practising sentence structure, spelling and grammar rules within our writing and will be improving our writing by using connectives and extended vocabulary.

We have a colourful library within our class with many new titles having been added at the request of children. Each child has been encouraged to pick a book and commit to reading it during the month of September as we engage in our whole school Reading Month. Children will then write a review for the rest of the class and will keep a track of their own reading log throughout P6.

Reading groups are also being allocated books which will be used throughout the week in school. We will use the books to form character descriptions, identify relationships with characters as well as improve our vocabulary.

Spelling will be taught weekly using various strategies. Words will come home in homework jotters and children are encouraged to practise these words at home. You are not required to record this work but I will be delighted to see any work should the children decide to use their homework jotters to practise in. I have included some spelling activities at the front of homework jotters.

Maths

We have begun the term reinforcing place value up to 1 000 000. Further on in the term, we will be developing our understanding of addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division.

Throughout the term we will be revisiting our times tables.

You can support your child at home with the following online resources:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number>

<http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Homework

Homework will be allocated on a Monday and jotters are required to be returned each Thursday, please. Weekly homework will consist of spelling words and a maths or literacy task.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the Alltnacriche information evening on Thursday September 19th.

Should you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact me at the school before then.

Mrs Patterson.