

A Happy New Year to all families and welcome to term three in P6B!

Learning Across the Curriculum

Our topic for this term is Ancient Greece and the children are interested in investigating about Greek Gods. We recently learned about the story of The Trojan Horse and went on to draw our own. Inspired by the artist Chloe Brown, we chose to create a modern interpretation of the horse and painted them in watercolours. We then sent our pictures onto the artist who was delighted with the result that she sent the class a message via social media. We are hugely proud of our artwork and the skills that we have learned. Following on from our successful baking sessions at Christmas, we will also be making some Greek food later in the term.

We have teamed up with an Ayrshire school to match the children with a penpal. There was great excitement at both ends of the country over this and P6B received their first letter and are in the process of writing back. This is a great opportunity for the class to compare the area they live in with that of another child. We are also learning Scots poems and will be practising these in school as well as at home.

In French we are learning vocabulary that would be used in cafes and at mealtimes. This will lead up to the French Café that the class will be hosting on March 10th. We warmly invite you to join us and more information will follow nearer the time.

For PE this term we will be learning gymnastics skills before moving onto net games with a focus on tennis. 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 are fortunate to have Bible Alive sessions on a Wednesday morning with Mr Smith. These interactive sessions are fun and engaging and will focus on the Old and New Testament.

We continue to develop our digital literacy skills throughout all areas of the curriculum and have been learning how to use applications such as Padlet and Answer Garden. The class will also be encouraged to independently illustrate their work on SeeSaw so that you can see what we have been learning about and the children can explain how they have approached different tasks and what skills they have used.

Literacy

As we come to the end of King Kong, the class will take part in a mock news conference leading up to them writing a newspaper report about the events of King Kong.

Our new class novel will be Percy Jackson, The Lightning Thief. This is a tale of a modern-day boy who is half boy and half Greek God. The novel ties in nicely with our topic and will set the scene for much of our writing for the next month.

Your child has now started their reading book for this term. Children will be reading in class and set reading homework throughout the week. All children are also encouraged to read a book of their choice from either our class or school library which is growing all the time.

We will continue with spelling homework which is handed out on a Monday and asked to be returned on a Thursday. Fresh ideas for spelling activities can be seen in homework jotters.

Maths

We have been learning about graphs and will soon be moving on to fractions. Multiplication and division are practised daily with a "Daily 10" which can also be done at home. Some other maths sources that can be access from home are:

<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 reading homework. Reading homework will be noted in your child's reading log.

This term is shaping up to be busy and full of lots of learning. We look forward to keeping you updated on SeeSaw.

Mrs Paterson