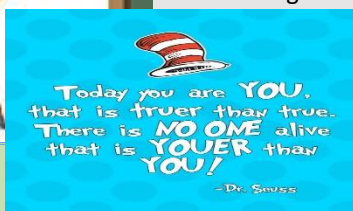




Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 6 Term 2 2023-2024



This term in:

Maths: In mental maths we will consolidate adding tenths to whole numbers, understand what a prime number is and know the prime numbers to 53 and know the squared numbers to 12 squared. We will focus on multiplication and division facts for all times tables. We will look at number properties- factors and multiples. Children will convert simple decimals to fractions and vice versa and begin to explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. In shape and space we will be learning about length, area and perimeter.

Literacy: We will continue to develop our comprehension skills in our shared and guided reading sessions. We will focus on making predictions and using the text to justify our answers. We will look at the features of report writing, and the children will complete reports in our WAU topic. We are also developing our skills in writing poetry and will be writing an acrostic poem with a twist.

ICT: Our focus for Term 2 is Digital Storytelling. The children will use the program iMovie to record, edit and produce a short animation based on a story they would like to tell.

PDMU: Throughout Term 2 we will continue to focus on our well-being. We look at friendships and what makes a good friend. We will also look at how we can develop friendships as well as ways to make new friends. We are a Take 5 school and I encourage the children to Connect with their family and friends, Learn something new, stay Active, take Notice of the world around them and Give.

The World Around Us (WAU)

Our topic this term is **Vikings**. Children will research and discover information on different aspects of Viking life. They will use a variety of thinking maps to organise their research and use it in script writing for their animation in ICT.

The children will develop skills in map work by labelling countries visited by the Vikings. Children will investigate human migration and what makes people move from one part of the world to another.

We will also be conducting a number of science experiments based on the lives of Vikings which will involve the children planning for investigations, obtaining evidence, presenting and interpreting results and developing a range of practical skills, including the safe use of science equipment. These experiments will include: light and shadows; materials and their uses; and strong structures.

We will link our research into the past, in maths, by looking at timelines and placing key dates in chronological order, as well as introducing the terms BC and AD and understanding their meanings.

What else is happening this term?

PE: Our designated PE days are Monday (swimming until 4th March) and Tuesday but I would encourage children to bring their trainers in their school bag every day after the mid-term break as we will be recommencing the 'Daily Mile' (weather permitting). After our last swim on 4th March we will revert back to Tuesday and Thursday as our PE days.

Homework:

All children have numeracy homework to complete on a Monday and Wednesday evening, and literacy homework to complete on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Children will complete spellings, mental maths and reading every night (either AR or Guided Reading).

Blended Learning will be assigned to be completed on a Thursday with the task explained on our Google Classroom.

Helping at Home:

- Ensure children complete all their homework every night to the best of their ability and sign it to show that you have seen it.

-Encourage your child to research information about Vikings at home and share their findings with the class. We would be grateful for any empty cereal boxes to use in our art projects.