



Term 2 October 2016

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a busy and fun filled term 2. It's hard to believe that it's this time of year already. Hope you all enjoyed your October holidays! I've loved hearing about all the fun things you have been doing.

Class News- The children are settling back into class well and have written some spooky acrostic poems for Halloween. The quality of these is impressive, they have all done a brilliant job.

Staying with a poetry theme the children will be writing a Bonfire Night Haiku next week.

Timetable

This term's timetable will be as follows:

Monday: Mrs Jack in class- P.E. in the afternoon

Tuesday P.E.- 9-10-Mrs Heatherwick

Thursday: 10.30-11.30 ART Mrs Campbell

Homework

This year Primary 5 will receive homework on a Monday which is to be handed in on the following Monday. Homework this term will be spelling which will rotate on a 4 week basis using this cycle:

Week 1 – New phoneme sound – copy words out again and complete an activity from the spelling grid at front of jotter.

Week 2 – Phoneme sound continued – copy out words again and diacritically mark them writing the number of sounds next to the words.

Week 3 – Common words lists and spelling strategies – write out the common words again and practice using the strategies. Write the strategy you used next to the word.

Week 4 – Spelling Rule – various activities based on the new spelling rule learned that week and reinforcement of previous rules learned.

Children will also be asked to complete some reading at home. I ask that they read as much of their books as possible over the week even if it is just a page or two a day.

Investigators homework will be given. This is an investigative exercise in which they are expected to learn from. Pupils must research about the given topic which they have a say in, and present their information in an attractive way.

Topic

This term Primary 5 will be studying Christmas around the world. This will develop their understanding of different cultures and traditions.

The children have suggested that they would like to know more about;

- The types of presents children get in different countries.
- The meaning of Christmas in different countries.
- How other countries celebrate Christmas
- How do they say santa/merry Christmas in other countries

Language, Mathematics and Health and Well-Being



This term Primary 5 will continue the Big Writing scheme for writing to help build on the children's writing skills. In particular the children will be working to improve their handwriting and spelling.

Reading this year will follow the Active Literacy scheme the same as last year. The children will be applying the reading strategies they learned last term to their own books. This will help develop their understanding of what they have read.

Health and Wellbeing – This term the children will be looking at the social and physical effects of substance abuse (Alcohol and tobacco). The children wanted to learn more about;





- The affect alcohol or tobacco has when you take them.
 - How much harm they can do to you.
 - And which parts of your body are affected by the abuse of each of the substances.
- Maths this term will be fractions primarily decimal fractions. One day a week (Monday) the children will work on Money and Finance.

Technology and Social Subjects

Technology will be taught discreetly through ICT in the curriculum. Social

subjects will be taught largely through the class topic.

Expressive Arts

Art this term will be taught trough topic as well as with their specialist Mrs Campbell Music will be taught discreetly through preparations for the Christmas show.