



PRIMARY 3/4 NEWS LETTER -TERM 4



ENGLISH AND LITERACY

This term your child will be:

- Continuing to improve writing by focusing on, planning, paragraphing, and improving use of vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP)
- Focusing on writing in a variety of different genres - with a particular focus on conveying emotions and feelings in detail.
- Continuing to use a variety of punctuation correctly eg. speech marks, commas and question marks
- Developing talking and listening skills through lots of group work related to topic. Children will be listening to ideas and sharing completed work with others.
- Presenting their work on a regular basis and have the opportunity to share their learning
- Developing poetry comprehension skills by identifying featured techniques such as repetition, rhyme etc.
- We will continue to complete a weekly spelling challenge. They will continue to use dictionaries, thesaurus and personal word banks

NUMERACY AND MATHS

This term your child will be:

- using scales to weigh and record a selection of items
- measuring different objects using the appropriate measuring tool
- estimating and measuring capacity and volume
- learning to find a fraction of a shape, number and collection.
- Begin to compare and order different fractions.
- Consolidating mental math strategies with a focus on word problems
- Stockbridge counts will focus on addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.
- Consolidating problem solving strategies learned

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

P.E. lessons will be taught each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The main focus of these lessons will be on developing technique in running, throwing and jumping activities (athletics). We will then move on to striking and fielding games. Please ensure that your child brings a full PE kit each week and that footwear is appropriate for running.

We will also be starting our Living and Growing topic in which we will be discussing the differences between genders and learning to name our body parts. If you attended our Relationships and Sex Education talk for parents, you will be aware that our school Living and Growing curriculum is carefully designed and age appropriate. In P4 we teach the children to use the correct anatomical terms and not feel embarrassed when doing this. Whilst the p4s do this with myself the primary 3s will be working with Mrs Burton and the other p3s to explore inheritance.

Our Whole School Focus this term using the Building Resilience pack is 'Respect Myself'. Primary 3/4 will also be having more sessions with the peace and justice team to look at conflict resolution.

Expressive Arts- This term P3/4 will have music and drama with the specialist teachers Mr Briggs and Miss Burdon. In class we will be doing detailed sketches where we will consider line and shading.

Digital Learning- Primary 3/4 will be using the internet to support their research and to share learning. We will also be looking at some simple programming.

RME- We will be looking at the Jewish Harvest 'Sukkot'. We will be hearing some religious stories to build our understanding of the beliefs of others.

Modern Languages 2+1 - P3/4 will continue to learn some basic French in class and also have Mandarin Lessons from the Mandarin Teacher Miss Bao, from Broughton High School.

Interdisciplinary Topic

Titanic - The Unsinkable Ship

Primary 3/4 will have the opportunity to learn about the Titanic and the passengers on board this ship. This topic will allow us the opportunity to look at both primary and secondary sources as we build up our knowledge of the titanic. We will be sharing what we learn in a variety of ways including newspaper reports, personal recounts, timelines and charts. We will also be doing lots of art and design as well as linking some of our previous maths learning. We have already started our topic and p3/4 are super engaged and producing fantastic work. I would like to invite you all to come and see the finished work at our Titanic exhibition which will be held on the afternoon of **Thursday 22nd June**.



CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

In Term 4, we aim to reflect the four areas of the curriculum for excellence in the following ways:

Successful Learners: we will be doing lots of self and peer assessment in this final term to encourage children to evaluate work against given success criteria.

Confident Individuals: pupils will have lots of opportunities to share and discuss ideas and opinions with others as we research the Titanic.

Effective Contributors: we will work in cooperative learning a lot in order to successfully complete our titanic 'missions'.

Responsible Citizens: pupils will continue to be encouraged to take some responsibility for their own behaviour and learning.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,
Miss Stewart