



PRIMARY 7 NEWSLETTER - TERM 4



ENGLISH AND LITERACY

This term your child will be focusing on:

Writing

- Our main focus for writing this term is punctuation, and ensuring that we are using basic punctuation effectively, before focusing on more advanced punctuation.
- We will also be focusing on reading their written work and using a variety of strategies to edit it.
- Inspired by our topic, we will be writing using a range of fiction and non-fiction writing, in particular:
 - Texts including dialogue
 - Playscripts
 - Autobiography
 - Instructions and recipes
- Implementing a variety of spelling strategies to develop their understanding and knowledge of vocabulary. Spelling patterns, topic words and misspelt words will all be used as spelling words.

Reading

- Using dictionaries and thesauruses effectively.
- Answering comprehension questions on texts.
- Reading for enjoyment, using the class library to extend the variety of texts available to them.

Listening and Talking

- Developing presentation skills in group presentations of co-operative learning tasks.
- Developing presentation skills for the Leavers Show.

NUMERACY AND MATHS

This term your child will be focusing on:

Measure

- Exploring area and perimeter
- Calculating volume of 3D objects
- Working with scale
- Interpret problems involving measure

Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

- Adding and subtracting decimals using mental and written strategies.
- Multiplying and dividing decimals using mental and written strategies.
- Solving problems involving percentages:
 - Finding percentage of an amount
 - Increase or decrease by a percentage
 - Work out a percentage

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

P.E. lessons will be taught each Monday, Tuesday and Friday. The main focus of these lessons will be athletics and striking/ fielding. **Please bring full PE kit each week.**

Primary 7 will be further developing their knowledge of sexual health and relationships through the Living and Growing Programme. The three topics are: how a baby is made, how a baby is born and let's talk about sex. We will also be discussing a range of different relationships within our work.

We will be using the Building Resilience Resource to explore the topic 'Respect Yourself'. The key messages within this topic are:

1. There's no-one quite like me
2. Everyone has different strengths
3. I treat myself with respect

This term Primary 7 will be doing some food technology, using their knowledge of healthy eating to prepare and cook dishes. If anyone is happy to help out with this, please let me know.

We will be doing transition work and discussing what they are looking forward to and what their fears are about moving up to high school.

MODERN LANGUAGES

The class will continue French lessons on a weekly basis with Mrs Kelly and Mandarin lessons with our Specialist Mandarin teacher from Broughton High School.

TECHNOLOGY AND ICT

Children will be using programmes on the computer and iPad to develop programming skills. We will also be using Excel and Numbers.

SCIENCE / TOPIC

We will be exploring lifecycles of both plants and animals, and inheritance.

We will also have a mini topic on Survival at Sea. By the end of the topic your child will have had the opportunity to:

- Identify and classify living things
- Research and explore issues surrounding endangered and extinct animals
- Discuss what can impact an aquatic environment
- Explore how we can clean and conserve water in oceans and seas due to human impact
- Research the impact that flooding and droughts can have on communities
- Design and create models to tackle a variety of flood challenges

LEAVERS SHOW, LEAVERS ASSEMBLY & YEARBOOK

Through discussions the class will choose and create their leavers show. They will be involved in preparing sets, props, costumes as well as the presentation of the show. More details will follow about the yearbook, but please start looking out a young (toddler/ starting school) photo for our yearbook!

Many thanks for your continued support. I know this is a busy, final term for the class, so I will keep you updated on everything that is happening. Please ensure that you read the noticeboard in the Home Learning Journal for messages about upcoming events.

Miss Collier ☺