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Primary 3 Newsletter 2
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Term 2

We are all working hard in P3 and we have seen lots of amazing work. I am so proud of P3 in what they have achieved in this last term and I am excited for all the learning that is to come this term.

We enjoyed our learning of The Vikings and have seen some excellent work done at home that the children have brought in to class to share. There has also been lots of other learning shared on Seesaw, so please keep it coming!

General Class Information and Routines

Gym days are on Thursday with Mr Peacock so please ensure your child has appropriate gym clothes and shoes.

Miss Hackett will continue to take the class on Friday where she will teach Literacy and Numeracy.

It is getting a lot colder now so can you please check that your child has a warm/waterproof jacket that is suitable for all types of weather. Please can you also make sure that ALL clothing is labelled.

Learning Information for the term ahead

Numeracy

We have our basic maths facts up and running which focusses on mental recall. Basic maths facts is game based and regular assessments are done to track progression or next steps. We have seen lots of progress with this, so any practise that can be done at home to support mental recall would be beneficial. Things like addition and subtraction to 10/20, double and halves to 10/20 and teen facts. Topmarks maths games is really good to use for working on mental recall as there are lots of games the children can play.

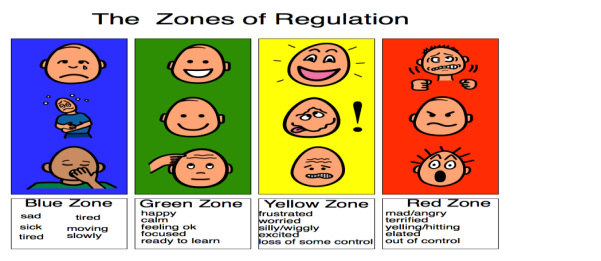
Our maths topic this term is measure where we will be learning to measure in centimetres. We will also be learning to tell the time, starting with o'clock, half past and then looking at am and pm.

We have had a big focus on place value and partitioning of 2 digit numbers. We have used our knowledge of place value to work on addition and subtraction when setting out chimney sums. We will keep working on this and then move on to carrying and exchanging when working with bigger calculations.

Literacy

As reading is a big focus this year as it is our area of development we have lots of literacy groups up and running for additional support. These are run by Miss Hackett and Mrs Harris. This happens throughout the week in the afternoons for 45 minutes to an hour. The focus groups will work on their next steps and targets to progress in their learning.

It is important that the children are able to express how they are feeling and are encouraged to tell myself or another adult if something is upsetting them. This is where the zone come in as it allows the children to communicate how they are feeling using a colour.



Contacting

If there are any questions, information or concerns that you wish to discuss with me, please contact the school office in the first instance. I will then catch you after school or give you a call. Teachers cannot meet with parents/carers when meeting the children in the morning as they are bringing in classes.

I am free to catch you in the playground after school or call you if I need to discuss anything with you, be it a concern or to share positive news.

Throughout the school year we will use Seesaw to share learning so that you are able to see what we are doing in class. Any communications from myself can also be sent through Seesaw.

Seesaw

We will be using Seesaw to record and reflect on all the amazing work we have achieved in P3. Achievements don't just have to be from school. If there is anything that you feel your child has achieved at home, then please upload it to seesaw. This could be things like winning or completing sports games/classes, being really brave and overcoming a fear, or celebrating something in the family. We have really enjoyed sharing all achievements so far so please keep them coming.

Music

We are incredibly lucky to have some special visitors in our classroom on a Tuesday afternoon. Dunedin Consort are working with the children to create some music and are giving the children experience of theatrical music. We have enjoyed Mrs Friend playing her cello to us.

Christmas

We are getting closer to the most wonderful time of the year! Christmas jumpers can be worn every Friday in December. We will be having a class Christmas party which will take place the w/c 20.12.21. Date still TBC but I will let you know as soon as dates have been decided.

School

The children continue to go to their RWI groups every morning to learn and practise new sounds. The children are assessed regularly to track progress or identify where more input is needed. We have had a few changes in groups as the children have progressed onto the next level. The children are all working very hard on their reading and your support at home is appreciated, so keep reading!

RWI books will be sent home every week for the children to practise their speed sounds, reading and speed words. The books that are sent home have adult guidance on how to work with your child to help them with their sounds and reading. If you need any support on how to use these books, please just ask and I'd be more than happy to chat through RWI with you.

For writing, our theme is The Wonderful Night-time. We will learn how to add lots of detail and description into our sentences using our senses, write an information report and write facts about nocturnal animals.

This links nicely into our class novel which is The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark. We have read a couple of chapters already and the children are really enjoying it. We have had lots of questions and discussions around fireworks, owls, memories and songs that we enjoy.

IDL

Our topic for this term is Space. We are going to be learning about the solar system but also about the Earth and why we have day and night, seasons and a climate. We have also made some links to global warming and the impact it is having on our Earth.

Topic is a fantastic way to link different areas of the curriculum together so there will be opportunities for the children to learn about Space through Art, Drama, Music, Maths, Literacy, RME and HWB. I have also uploaded a cross curricular activity grid on Seesaw where the children can do some space activities at home. It would be great to see their finished activities posted on their journal.

HWB

Mr Peacock will take the children on Thursday afternoons for HWB and P.E. The children will be learning about healthy eating and making healthier choices. In P.E they will be learning about how our muscles and organs work when we exercise and they will also be doing some gymnastics and learning to plan and perform a routine.

In class we are having a big focus on how to regulate our emotions by using Zones of Regulation. We have regular check ins and talk about how they are in a certain zone and how they can regulate their emotions to get to a happier and calmer mood. Our regular check ins help us to talk about how we are feeling.