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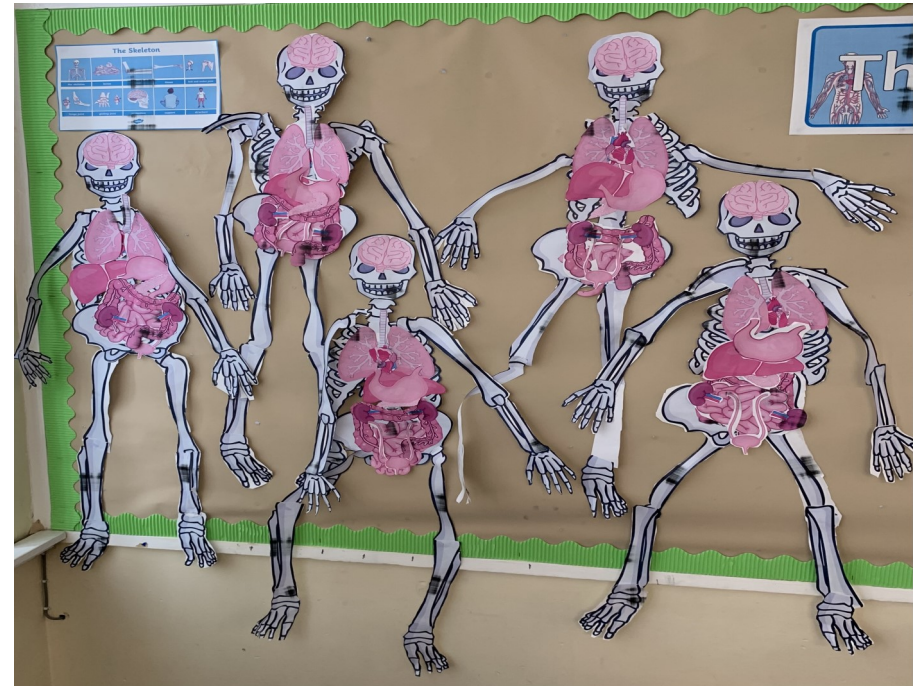
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Primary 3 Newsletter 3
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General Class Information and Routines

Gym days are now on a Monday with Mr McGuire 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 still winter weather so 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

Our maths topic this term is Money, Angles and Symmetry. We have been working on money since starting this term and have been working on recognising coins and working with money up to the value of £1, £5 and £10.

To support your child with their money skills, you could let them identify coins and notes that you have in your purse/wallet, look at the cost of items when you are shopping or ask them to add up two items on your shopping list.

For our number work this term we are focussing on counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s for our times tables. We are looking at times tables in lots of different ways so we have a good knowledge and understanding of them. This includes drawing arrays, finding the multiples, number sequences, sharing amounts and writing our times tables. We also love to play Hit the Button on Topmarks!

This term we are also looking at fractions, starting with halves and quarters. We are also learning our 4 operations, +, -, x, ÷, what they mean and how we use them.

We are continuing our counting strategies and chimney sums with 2 and 3 digit numbers along with our basic maths facts where we are working on our mental recall.

Literacy

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!

Contacting School

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 continue to use Seesaw to record to record and reflect on all the amazing work we have achieved in P3. Remember if there are any achievements 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.

French Culture Week

Across the school we all learnt something about French culture. P3 learnt about French food, landmarks and a famous artist called Matisse. We created posters to show what we had learnt and we also created a piece of art inspired by Matisse. This was posted on Seesaw for you to see.

Music

This term we are lucky to be taking part in the Drumming for Excellence Project. We are learning to drum with a Cajon drum along with percussion instruments like claves, ganza and gogo bells. We have had 2 sessions already and have another 4 to go. The children are really enjoying themselves so far.

Art Gallery

For Art this term we are looking at famous artists and using their work as inspiration. We are going to present our art work to you in the form of an art gallery. The children have created 6 masterpieces (which are all priceless) and we will display these for you to view w/c 28th March 2022. We hope you enjoy the art gallery!

We also have a group of children who have moved on from RWI and are now working on reading skills, comprehension and Accelerated Reader. The group have a rotation of activities throughout the week where they learn a new reading skill, practise it, try it out and then do it on their own. Alongside this they work on their reading skills by working through comprehension cards to develop their skills.

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.

Miss Hackett still continues to take additional support groups for reading in the afternoons. 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.

For writing, we are focussing on making our writing as detailed and descriptive as possible. We have been doing speed writing where the children will get a sentence starter and then they write when happens next. This is timed and in short bursts. The aim is to focus on lots of detail in a small amount rather than writing a long story that misses out the detail and description. After each burst, the children share what they have written.

IDL

Our topic this term is the Human Body. We started by looking at the skeleton and then learnt about our internal organs. We have had some interesting discussions and questions about how our body works. We are going to create our own Human Body book to showcase everything we have learned.

As a science topic this term we are looking at Electricity. We have learnt how electricity is made and where it comes from. We had fun creating a simple circuit to show how electricity works. Some groups started to add in a buzzer and a switch into their circuit.

HWB

Mr McGuire will take the children on Monday for P.E. This focus for this term is ball skills where the children will use previous skills learnt and apply them to ball games such as basketball and football.

In class this term we are going to look at resilience and discuss things like understanding our emotions, dealing with worries, big deal/little deal, friendship groups and being brave.