



P5A Newsletter



April to June 2008

Dear Parents

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. It was good to see so many of you there at the 'Scots Night'. This is going to be busy term for the children. Gaelic has been reintroduced again after a short break. There is a lot to look forward to in our final term such as Health Week, Sports day and a Pupil Staff Quiz.

With Best Wishes

Ms Torrance

Language

In grammar and punctuation your child will be revising tenses, collective nouns and noun/verb agreement. Work on paragraphs will continue to be reinforced.

In spelling the children will revise all the spelling rules from this year and go over common rules such as i before e. Your child will also be revising all the tricky words covered this year. Your child will continue to have opportunities to practice these words in school and at home. There will continue to be a weekly spelling and mental maths check-up test.

Children are encouraged to use the class library where they have the opportunity to borrow books to take home. Visits to the school library will also provide an opportunity for children to extend their reading. The children will read a mixture of novels and books from the 'Treetops' scheme. Some children will have the experience of engaging in discussion of text through 'Reading Conferences'. This would involve reading part of a novel and preparing a written piece of work for group discussion. The children have also started Reading Journals which offer an opportunity to look into texts in more detail and with creativity.

In Writing the children are working in Sets which are proving very worthwhile. The main topics will be instructions, newspaper articles and poems.

Mathematics

The children will be consolidating all tables through multiplication and division. Some children will be carrying out Practical Maths Activities such as weight, measurement and volume. Most children will be working on time, graphs and charts this term. There will also be consolidation of addition and subtraction.



Geography and Mapping

This term your child will be studying Geography and Mapping. Your child will learn about the eight points of a compass, look at maps and landscapes of the British Isles and be familiar with oceans and continents.



Expressive Arts

In Drama the children will be encouraged to improvise and experiment with movement, speech space, physical objects and sound. This will be performed through group and paired work using scenarios and roles.



Art this term will focus on Printing, work in 3D and Fabric. In music this term, we are developing rhythm through the use of instruments.

R&ME/PSEE

In R.M.E the children will be studying Christianity. We will be looking at Church Symbols, Beliefs and Responses. In PSEE your child will be participating in 'Circle Time' and discussing resolving conflict, encouraging empathy, respect for others and appreciating peoples differences.

How you can help this term

To support your child this term please try to support them with their homework as much as possible and encourage them to read a wide range of books. I would also appreciate any resources you can provide for our Geography and Mapping study. I will send home a list of helpful websites which you may find useful.