



Primary 4/3 Newsletter

Term One

We hope you all had a marvelous summer, and are ready for an exciting year ahead!



Learning and teaching is designed around the eight curricular areas of the *Curriculum for Excellence*. This term, our foci include...



Literacy and English

The class will continue to follow Biff and Chip on their adventures in the *Oxford Reading Tree* books. We will look at different reading strategies to help us, including visualization and prediction.

For writing this term, we will create medicine potions inspired by *George's Marvelous Medicine*. We will also write a letter to describe our holiday, and look at how other writers engage an audience.

Talking and listening will be promoted through news and short activities on a Friday.

Numeracy and mathematics

Our class will work on addition and subtraction this term. We will learn jumps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and how that relates to times tables.

We will also be looking at time and identifying o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will also look at five minute intervals.

Expressive arts

In art and design we will investigate professional artists, and recreate their work with our own spin.

During drama this term we will focus on characterization and audience awareness.

We will be continuing to follow the *Charanga* music.

Health and wellbeing

This term, the PE focus will be gymnastics. Please remember to provide a PE kit which can be left in class. PE will on a Wednesday and a Thursday. We will also be starting the *Daily Mile* to build up stamina.

Other health topics will include medicines and resilience.

Religious and moral education

Pupils will be learning about aspects of the Christian and Buddhist faiths.

Assemblies held by our DHTs throughout the year address many aspects of cultural and religious significance.

Science

Our science will link in with *George's Marvelous Medicine* and will include substances, solutions and dissolving materials.

Social subjects

Our main topic this term will see us investigate The Celts. We will draw on artifacts and information from the past to create *PowerPoints* to teach others about The Celts. We will look at the Celtic timeline and compare life then and now.

Technologies

Our focus this term will be developing *PowerPoints* and saving our work.

We will also be encouraging food tasting from locally grown produce.



Dates for your diary:

w/b 5th September: Global Citizenship Week
Fri 23rd Sept / Mon 26th Sept: Holiday Weekend
w/b 2nd October: Health Week

Fri 14th Oct: Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)
Mon 17th – Fri 21st Oct: Holiday
Mon 24th Oct: Start of Term 2