



P6 R21 News 22.2.18

Welcome to our second newsletter of the term. Due to staff absence Mrs Mutch will be covering P4 so I will be teaching R21 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Dale will teach the class on a Wednesday. I will be planning the learning for the week to ensure consistency for the pupils.

I am delighted to have taken over teaching P6. They have all been working very hard and are showing excellent progress in all areas.

We have introduced class dojo to share what we are learning in class with you. You can see into our classroom each day from the comfort of your home (or office) and can track your child's behaviour. If you have not already linked to our class and would like to, please send your email address into school.

Whole School Topic

For the first part of the term we were learning about Scottish Landmarks as part of the whole school Scotland topic. Through this topic we developed our literacy skills, through taking notes on news reports and creating our own news reports about the opening of the Queensferry crossing. We also learned about engineering projects and how bridges are built.

On Wednesday, we shared what we had learned with other pupils across the school. All pupils were put into clans with a mixture of P1-7 pupils in each clan, I was incredibly proud of the P6 pupils who supported and looked after the younger clan members so well. Many staff commented on how grown up, helpful and great they all were.

Victorian Topic

For the second part of the term, we will be learning about the Victorians. This links well with some of the things we have learned about buildings already. It is relevant to us as our school is a Victorian building. Some of the pupils were looking at the old photographs of the school in our new library and asking interesting questions so we will explore this further this term. We will be learning about the Victorian period, Victorian life and work, buildings and Victorian Schools. If you have any information about the school in the past or if you would like to share any knowledge you have with us then please get in touch.

Numeracy

This term we will be learning about angles, symmetry and transformation. They will learn to use mathematical language including acute, obtuse, straight and reflex to describe and classify a range of angles identified within shapes in the environment. They will also measure and draw a range of angles and will develop a knowledge of complementary and supplementary angles.

Pupils will also continue to develop their mental maths skills and will be learning the different strategies through CLIC (Counting, Learn Its, It's Nothing New and Calculation). They should continue to learn their Learn Its at home. Weekly results will be sent home in their spelling jotter so that you are able to track your child's progress.

Literacy

Pupils will continue to develop their reading skills through the use of the task map and reflective reading strategies.

In Writing, pupils will be writing reports, diary entries and about a day in the life of a Victorian pupil. We will focus on developing our vocabulary, punctuation and developing characters.

Health and Wellbeing

This term, Mr Pirie will continue to teach the class PE on a Monday and Mrs Begg will teach the class PE on a Tuesday. They are currently learning how to play tennis and develop their skills.

I will continue to use the Bounce Back programme with the class do enhance their resilience, explore social issues and promote positive relationships.

Homework

All pupils have an Education City login. They should use this to complete Homework which has been set this term on the website.

One task per week will also be set on Google Classroom. Your child will also have spelling, reading and Maths homework each week.

Ski Week

Next week, I will be leading the P7 Ski Trip so will not be in school. We have been very lucky to secure a teacher, Mr Barrow, to cover the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Williamson will take the class on Thursday and Friday. I will plan the learning for the week to minimise any disruption. I appreciate your understanding about these changes.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss McCartney