

Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term ~ Year 5 & 6

So that you feel clear about the teaching and learning intentions for Summer Term 2015, please enjoy reading this overview. We hope that you find it helpful ...

At the start of this term the main focus for the children in Class 4 is revising key skills in literacy, numeracy and science ahead of their national exams in May. Post exams the children will undertake a Literacy and History based project with the forthcoming end of year production as their focal point.

As part of their literacy they will debate issues and put across the points of view of the characters in the play. The debates will be carried out in keeping with the era the play is set. They will revise key features of this text type and incorporate their writing targets in to their published pieces. Play scripts have previously been studied, but will be revisited, with emphasis on the language written for the characters to say.

The children will form a company who will specialise in bringing renowned individuals from our past alive, through active story telling. Drama, dance and song will support the narration. All of the children will play their part in making scenery, props and gathering various items of clothing for their costume, therefore incorporating art and design technology.

Numeracy work will involve timelines, calendars and timetables. Key language linked with these areas will be learnt, so that when it is read within questions, the children will have a greater understanding.

Scientifically they will be learning about the water cycle and in particular the importance of the processes of condensation and evaporation. Drama will be used to bring to life a water droplet that will be allowed to express its feelings as it travels through precipitation, runoff, infiltration and transpiration. Obstacles that the water droplet encounters along the way will be studied, such as the permeability of rocks, plant structures, the Sun and the percentage of planet Earth that is covered in water.

In PE, the children will undertake various activities with MSP, such as cricket and athletics and they will be taught the basics of rounders, learning how to strike and field the ball.

Mrs Johnstone

Update:

We are focusing on the **deeper understanding** of problem solving in school at the moment. This is specific to maths, but also in terms of ICT and the use of logical, thinking skills.

We are unpicking the important elements of any problem, making them clear and ensuring that we understand each part by being able to talk about the problem and use specific vocabulary.

You can help us with our 'talking maths' by asking you child(ren) to describe exactly the process they have followed.

Messages:

Homework will be given out on a Monday for Thursday and on a Friday for the following Monday, although please understand there will be some variation to this at times.

PE kit is required every Wednesday and Friday, however we recommend it is available in school all week.

Don't forget to log on to Maths Whizz as often as you can at home

