

Heron Newsletter

Summer Term 2010

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are already at the final term of the school year. I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing Easter holiday and you all ate lots of chocolate!

This term is going to be another very busy time with lots of work to cover, Optional SATS for the children to sit, school reports and a residential trip to the Conway Centre on Anglesey.

Numeracy

In Numeracy this term the children will cover lots of different topics. One of these topics will be to further develop their knowledge and understanding of number operations which include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will also study the areas of place value, ordering and rounding of numbers, data handling, fractions, decimals, percentages, shape and space and 'real-life' problems including money.



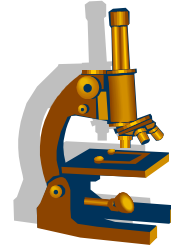
Literacy

This term in Literacy the children will be focusing on a number of different genres. These will include a range of stories from a variety of cultures and traditions, choral and performance poetry, information texts and persuasive texts in the form of leaflets and letters. The children will still continue with their handwriting activities alongside the normal literacy lessons.



Science

In Science the children will be once again taught in their year groups. Year 5 children will be taught by Mrs. Watkins and Year 4 children will be taught by Mr. Jones. In Year 4 the children will be studying the topics on Habitats and Keeping Warm.



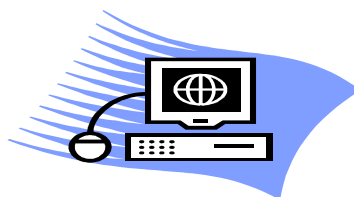
International Primary Curriculum (IPC)

For the Summer Term the children will be studying the topic 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. Whilst undertaking this topic the children will learn about the how different localities have been affected by volcanoes and earthquakes, how to use geographical terms when describing earthquakes and volcanoes and to use maps and other secondary resources to locate the earth's fault-lines and volcanoes.



Information Technology

During this term the children's ICT work will be related to the IPC topic on 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. This will involve the children using ICT to research different information about earthquakes and volcanoes from a variety of sources. The children will also have the opportunity to use ICT to support and present their work about 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes' in a number of ways.



Art

Much of the Art this term will focus around the IPC topic on Earthquakes and Volcanoes. The children will learn how to use different media and techniques that are appropriate for conveying images of volcanic eruptions.



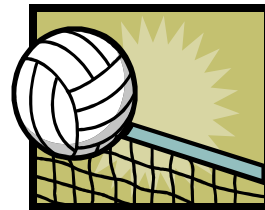
Music

During this term the Year 4 children will be involved in music lessons where they will perform, compose and appraise different pieces of music. These music lessons will be taught by Mrs. Gregg on a Monday morning. The Year 5 children will continue with the Wider Opportunities Programme where they will further develop their skills in playing a musical instrument.



Physical Education

For Physical Education the children will be focusing upon athletics and striking and fielding games during the summer term. In athletics they will be covering both track and some field events (foam javelin, standing jumps etc.). It is important that the children bring to school the appropriate outdoor P.E. kit for these sessions.



Homework

Like the Spring Term, homework will once again be given on a Thursday and will mainly focus on Numeracy and Literacy. The completed homework needs to be returned to school by the following Tuesday. I would really appreciate it if you could sign all homework pieces so that I know your child has shown it to you and that you are satisfied with his/her effort. It would be of great benefit if you could encourage your child to read at home everyday and to help him/her learn his/her times tables.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the dates for our forthcoming residential to the Conway Centre - Wednesday 9th June to Friday 11th June. I will be holding a brief parents' meeting, in May, to discuss the visit in more detail and to give parents the opportunity to ask questions regarding the residential. I will be sending out a letter shortly giving dates and times for the above meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Should you have any queries or questions about anything please do not hesitate to ask!

Kind Regards
Darren Jones