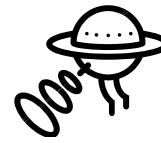


Prep 7 Class Newsletter September/October 'Space'



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope both you and the girls had a very restful summer and are ready for what will be a very busy term ahead. This overview will give you an insight into the learning which will be taking place during the months of September and October

Communication

Spelling

Our spelling focus will be on the suffixes:

- ence/ance (Book G Unit 6)
- ent/ant (Book G Unit 16)
- ary/ery (Book G Unit 10)
- able/ible (Book F Unit 15)

On the prefixes

- im/mis/in/un/ir/il/dis/en (Book G Unit 2)

And on plural noun endings

Parts of Speech

- We will be revising parts of speech -verbs, adverbs, adjectives, nouns, pronouns, conjunctions and prepositions

Language

- We will be revising the use of homophones, synonyms and antonyms.

Punctuation

- Full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, commas, apostrophes, speech marks

Reading Comprehension

- We will continue to learn about a range of strategies which can be used to develop our reading comprehension.
- We will complete a series of comprehension, language and word based activities linked to our group reading books.

Writing - Non-Fiction:

- **Recount** - Moon landing diary entry,
- **Instruction** -How to build a moon lander

Poetry: Structured Poems

- Autumn Haiku and Space Cinquains

Using Mathematics

Our Numeracy work will focus on revision and consolidation of the following topics:

- Number and notation
- Patterns, relationships and sequences
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Money
- Shape and Space
- Position, Movement and Direction
- Measures
- Handling Data
- Probability
- Long multiplication
- Fractions
- Decimals
- Percentages
- Measures
- Data Handling

The World Around Us

- Our World Around Us topic work will be based on Space.
- Prep 7 will learning about the planets in the Solar System, their position from the sun and the orbiting sequences of the earth, moon and sun as well as finding about the history of space travel and exploration.
- The girls will be given the opportunity to conduct independent research using both the internet and a wide variety of non fiction books.

The Arts

- **Music with Mrs Murray:** In music we will continue to develop our listening skills when responding to a variety of music. We will sing and create our own accompaniments to songs. We will develop our recorder skills.
- **Art with Mrs Herriot:** We will be studying the work of the famous artist Van Gogh. We will be planning the collages for our 'Stop Motion Animation' project.

<p><u>PE with Mrs Henderson</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hockey -The girls will recap all the safety rules and work on the development of passing different directions, tackling and shooting. 6V6 games. • Swimming; Recap safety rules, surface dives, diving skills, timed 25 meter swims and stroke technique drills on all four strokes. 	<p><u>Languages with Mrs Burnett</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice of conversational French- whole class, groups, pairs • Perform simple conversations for whole class • Learn key vocab for L'ecole magique • Days of the week • Numbers 11-31
<p><u>RE with Mrs Glover</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will look at God's beautiful creation, in particular our local environment. • We will identify places of beauty and worth and recognise the need to care for and share the earth's resources wisely. • We will also have opportunities to discuss stereotypes and how we can develop positive attitudes towards ourselves and others. 	<p><u>PDMU with Miss Hamilton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be exploring our sense of identity and exploring our differences whilst appreciating our uniqueness. • We will be examining our strengths and limitations. • We will be examining the link between hard work and achievement.
<p><u>Using ICT with Mrs Herriot</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be learning the skills required to complete a 'Stop Motion Animation.' • We will be using our class iPads and the app' I Can Animate' to process our animations. 	
<p><u>Assessments</u></p> <p>Over the first few weeks of term we will be completing informal assessments in English and Maths which will provide a point of discussion at our October parent consultation meetings. These assessments will begin on Monday 28th September.</p>	

Homework

- Monday - Transfer Grammar & AQE discussion of corrections & learning vocabulary.
- Tuesday - Transfer Maths & discussion of GL corrections.
- Wednesday - Past Transfer Comprehension Passages
- Thursday - Transfer Maths & discussion of GL corrections & learning vocabulary
- Weekend - AQE or GL paper

Every night

- Spellings
- Revision of Numeracy facts - (P6 reference book & P7 Number Concepts booklet)
- Reading

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 2nd September - 'Meet the Teacher' 6-6.30pm in the P7 room.
- Monday 14th September - Extra Curricular club cycle commences
- Friday 26th September - International Day of Languages. Further details to follow.
- Monday 5th October - Winter Uniform to be worn
- Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October - School Photographs
- Wednesday 14th October - Parent Forum at 6pm in P7 room
- Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October - Parent Teacher Consultations
- Friday 23rd October - Harvest Sale - Fancy Dress or own clothes.
- Monday 26th October - Friday 30st October (inclusive) - Half Term Holiday
- Monday 2nd November - Exceptional Closure - Pupils not in school
- Tuesday 3rd November - Autumn Term B commences

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs S Herriot