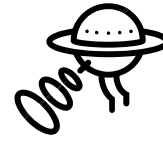


Prep 7 Class Newsletter September/October 'Space'



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)
- er,re,or,ar,our - (Book F Unit 1)

On the prefixes

- im/mis/in/un/ir/il/dis/en (Book G Unit 2)
- trans,tele,auto,anti - (Book F Unit 2)

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:

- Recount - Moon landing newspaper report
- Instruction -How to build a moon lander
- Pluto Personification - Persuasive letter writing skills

Poetry: Structured Poems

- Space Haiku and Space Cinquains
- Space Concrete Poem

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 learn about -

- the planets in the Solar System
- the orbiting sequences of the earth, moon and sun
- A timeline of space travel
- The Space Race and the Apollo Missions
- British exploration involving Tim Peake
- Animals in Space
- The Sun as a star

The girls will be given the opportunity to conduct independent research using both iPads 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 Reece:** 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> <p>Practice of conversational French- whole class, groups, pairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform simple conversations in pairs for whole class • Learn key vocab for L'ecole magique-animal names • Days of the week • Numbers 13-31 with paired games • Listen to an animal song and identify learned vocabulary • Follow a story and understand the main points
<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 Mrs McGlinchey</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' Lego Stop Motion' to process our animations. 	<p><u>Spanish with Senorita Gomez</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rewriting words for crockery and cutlery • Using the verbs 'comer,beber' • Giving a variety of opinions about food • Using the impersonal verb 'gustar' • Expressing needs • Making a simple polite order

of food

- Understanding a dialogue
- Replicating a dialogue to order food
- Role-playing at a restaurant

Parent Meetings

- Parent consultation meetings for P7 will take place earlier than the other year groups. Meetings will take place in the weeks beginning 2nd and 9th October. Appointment slips will be sent out in September.

Homework

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

Every night

- Spellings
- Daily mental maths and daily grammar
- Revision of Numeracy facts - (P6 Reference Book & P7 Number Concepts Booklet)
- Reading

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 6th September - 'Meet the Teacher' 6-6.30pm. Meeting in the Prep hall followed by P7 classroom
- Monday 11th September - Extra Curricular club cycle commences
- Tuesday 12th September - Transfer Club commences in P7 room
- Saturday 23rd September - Friends of Prep BBQ - further details to follow
- Friday 29th September - International Day of Languages. Further details to follow.
- Monday 2nd October - Winter Uniform to be worn
- Wb Monday 2nd October - **P7 parent consultation week**
- Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October - School Photographs
- Wednesday 11th October - Parent Forum at 6pm in P7 room
- Friday 13th October - Flu Vaccines
- Friday 20th October - Harvest Sale - Fancy Dress or own clothes.
- Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November (inclusive) - Half Term Holiday
- Tuesday 6th November - Autumn Term B commences

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mrs S Herriot