



## Prep 7: April and May 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break. This overview will give you an insight into our classroom work throughout April and May.

### **Communication**

Our spelling focus will be on:

- ious, ous/ a\_e,e\_e,i\_e,o\_e,u\_e
- se,ce,o/ gue,gu,gh
- a\_e/
- ou, ee/ age, ate
- long i, ch/ e , long i
- ea/au, ar,
- double consonants

### **Grammar:**

- Figures of speech –similes, metaphors
- Hyphens, dashes and ellipsis
- Colons and semi-colons

### **The Big Write - Non-Fiction:**

- **Persuasion** – Creating an advertisement for a York tourist attraction.
- **Recount** – to write a diary entry every day during our York residential.
- **Recount**- Biography on Guy Fawkes (originated from York)
- **Discussion** – Write a discussion text about whether York is a suitable family holiday destination.

### **Poetry:**

#### **Structured Poems**

- Choral and Performance / Classic Narrative – The Highwayman

#### **Class Novel**

- We will begin to study the novel 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. Reading will be set on certain nights in conjunction with individual reading night so that specific teaching and activities can take place in class.

### **Using Mathematics**

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

#### **Data Handling**

- We will be designing and using a data collection sheet to collect information on how our time was spent in York.
- We will be using Excel to create pie charts to show the results of our data collection.
- We will use timetables and work with an itinerary for York – calculating time durations between activities.
- We will be exploring and understanding world time zones.
- We will be setting up a database about the species found at Flamingo Land.
- We will be using York Minister visitor numbers to create line graphs.
- We will be using Venn diagrams to interpret York tourist information.
- We will be completing a 'Dig!' Costing Activity.

### **The World Around Us - York**

#### **History**

- We will also be learning more about the history of the Vikings in York.

#### **Geography**

- To recognise York's UK location.
- To recognise the key physical features of England
- To research key facts about England in terms of population, currency, exports, famous landmarks etc.

### **PDMU with Mrs McGlinchey**

- The girls will continue to develop their decision making skills. They will have the opportunity to practise making informed and responsible decisions based on a variety of hypothetical scenarios: in the house, at school or in our local community. We will then move on to look at ways in which conflict can occur. The girls will explore ways to reduce conflict through rules and routines within families, in the community and in friendship groups and school life.

### **RE with Mrs Glover**

- In RE this term, we will have the opportunity to complete our look at the various reactions to Jesus' resurrection and investigate the lives and faiths of some well-known Christians from history – Eric Liddell and Gladys Aylward

### **The Arts**

- **Music with Mrs Murray:** In Music we will be focusing on our journey throughout the year. Within

this topic we will be creating graphic scores, and introducing a drone and a pentatonic pattern in our composition.

- **Art with Mrs Gilmore:** In Art we will be creating Old English lettering, recreating a stained glass window from York Minster and recreating the emblems of the British Isles.

#### **PE with Mrs Henderson**

- **Athletics:** The girls will recap on all techniques for sprinting, middle distance throwing and also be introduced to high jump technique. They will also be developing their understanding of the rules of relays and learn how to measure jumps and throws.
- **Swimming:** Girls will continue to work on stroke development and distance swimming

#### **French with Mrs Burnett**

Bon appétit topic

- Revise names for 6 activities in French.
- Join in with the story, song and poem.
- Identify nouns and verbs.
- Paired conversation about own hobbies

#### **Spanish with Senora Gomez**

- Describing what someone is wearing
- Identifying a pattern in numbers 31-100
- Doing mental maths calculations in Spanish
- Asking for prices
- Giving the price of an item
- Contributing to spontaneous talk
- Conducting yourself at a clothes shop
- Using adjectives to say if clothes fit or not

#### **Latin with Mrs Stevenson**

- Town life and travel in Roman Times
- Military life in Roman Times
- York in Roman Times
- Revision of Latin verbs, nouns and adjectives
- Myths including the Trojan Horse and other stories of Odysseus.

#### **Using ICT**

- We will be using the App 'Tynker' to explore coding.

#### **Class Tests**

The girls will be completing assessments in English and Maths in May. They will be given a series of Revision homeworks in preparation. The results of the tests will be used to inform the June report and will also aid the selection of academic class prizes and 'Celebration of Success' cups in English and Maths. However, as highlighted in our September 'Meet the Teacher', formative, on-going assessment and teacher judgement will be used to inform judgements for all other prizes.

#### **Preparation for Year 8**

To aid the smooth transition from P7 to Year 8 we will be trialling a new homework procedure in line with the arrangements in place in Senior Schools. We hope this will help develop organisation skills and make the transition from Primary to Post Primary education easier.

The girls will continue to be set homework each night but I will assign a date that it is to be completed by.

This date will be recorded in their homework diary. The girls must decide when they complete this homework to ensure that it is ready for the set date. I will also request that the homework is not handed in early but must be handed in on the date requested.

I hope that this trial will prove beneficial to the girls and aid their preparation for Year 8.

#### **Dates for your diary.....**

- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Hockey squad NI finals
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**- Netball squad NI finals
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** – York Trip
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Music Recital in Prep Hall at 7pm
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – May Day Holiday – school closed
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Summer Uniform to be worn
- **Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May** –School Council Week
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May** – Love for Life workshop
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Friends of prep AGM & Literacy Workshop
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May** – P1-P4 Sports Day at 12.30pm (or 16<sup>th</sup> if weather unfavourable)
- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** – Parent Forum meeting in P7 classroom at 6pm
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - P5-P7 Sports Day at 12.30pm (or 23<sup>rd</sup> if weather unfavourable)
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May**- Exceptional Closure – Prep closed
- **Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School week
- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Cool for School P7 Leavers' Photo Shoot

**Many thanks,**

**Mrs Herriot**