



Primary P5,6 & 7 Newsletter: Term 3 2021-2022

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Welcome to our termly "Class Newsletter" which aims to give you a little more information about what your child will be doing this term.

Welcome to Term 3

Happy New Year everyone!!! I hope you all had a fun, relaxing break and are ready for all the adventures that a new year can bring!

I am particularly excited to share some good news at the start of the year, with the results of our fantastic end of year enterprise initiative. The "Ho Ho Home Decorations" class have managed to achieve an incredible £134.32 in profit after all of the moneys were counted (more than once due to a slight error) and verified. We very much appreciate all of your sales and donations at a tricky time of year and will look forward to deciding how the money is spent within the class.

This term is already shaping up to be one of the busiest yet with a number of exciting visitors attending the school and meeting the class online. Firstly, we are very lucky to have arranged a 3 week rugby initiative with Stuart Corsar, the rugby development officer at Ellon and an ex professional himself. Moving on, the class will be exploring Chinese culture through a 7 week Mandarin programme commencing in the next couple of weeks. Finally, the Aberdeen Law Project will be providing a Mock Trial for the class to investigate within the school. Perhaps we will uncover a budding Sherlock Holmes?

As the term progresses and hopefully the weather improves, I will aim to use the outdoor environment as much as possible. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear to accommodate this.

Maths/Numeracy: Starting the year as we mean to go on, we will aim to make Maths as practical and relevant as possible to enhance the learning. The first topic we will be exploring is measurement, with area and perimeter a particular focus. Please encourage your friends and family to explore the world around you to discover how much fencing you may need to border a field or the area of a football penalty box. Have a go at this question for starters: <https://nrich.maths.org/1045/note>

Writing: Over the next few weeks we will have a more formal writing approach looking at balanced reporting. Linking in with the class topic, "Our Planet," we will be exploring a number of powerful subjects such as Deforestation, Palm Oil consumption and the over usage of plastic in our society. This will provide a challenge to explore both sides of the problem, despite maybe having a strong opinion on one of them. There will be a continued focus on accuracy and encouragement to edit work on completion before handing this in.

Spelling: Once again spelling will be a major focus and part of our daily routine. While it is important to understand how a word is spelt, we will continue to improve our understanding of the learnt words and how these can be used in everyday writing. Please continue to spend a minimum of 10 minutes most evenings learning the words and upload this onto the Google Classroom.

Topic: Our focus this term will concern "Our Planet" investigating the water cycle and the importance of water within our world today. The class will be exploring the impact of our everyday actions on the environment, while investigating ways to improve on this with recycling and adopting renewable energy sources. Watch out for the class project that will be introduced in the next couple of weeks.

Physical Education: We have a busy start to the term with our 3 week rugby programme, however our aim is to continue this and be as active as possible throughout the colder months with the Daily Mile and regular ball skill activities.

Languages: We have an exciting term ahead with the 7 week Mandarin programme of activities, however we will also be working on languages closer to home with French a focus once more. Please check out the below link to look at ways of working on this at home.

<https://sites.google.com/view/northern-alliance-languages-fa/home>

Other Activities: Mrs Johnston will be continuing her journey through Ancient Egypt with the class, looking at Hieroglyphics in the first instance. There will also be a focus on handwriting which has been successful in practice so far, just need to transfer this to the writing for real!

Please contact me via Glow if you have any queries. Take Care, Mr Redpath.