

It's that time of year again!

Welcome back and we hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday! We are very excited to see everyone again and hear the wonderful things you have been up to over the past six weeks. Mrs Khan is also very excited to get to know all of our wonderful children.

Curriculum

This academic year we are continuing to teach through topic based learning and our learning heroes are all going to be based on books to keep reading as a core focus for the children. We will continue to deliver learning in a mixture of whole phase master classes, single class inputs and small group/ individual tutorials, the children will then engage with independent learning activities as much as possible whilst personalised tutorials are taking place. This will allow us to cater for each child's learning need and ensure that they are adequately supported and appropriately challenged.

Our learning hero this half term is 'Enid Blyton' based on the Famous Five novels. Within this topic we will discuss and analyse a range of stories written by this author. We will be looking in depth at mystery novels, characters, creating character descriptions and creating our own mystery story. This topic is heavily Geography based and as a result we will be locating places on maps, looking at features of islands and comparing and contrasting Kirrin Island (setting of Famous Five- Five on a Treasure Island) to our local area of Barrowford. We will then be using this information to create our very own 3D island.

This term Science will be taught in a Science week. Alongside learning to work scientifically we will be focusing on 'rocks'.

It is now compulsory for all key stage 2 children (Year 3 and above) to learn a language at school. We will be focussing on Spanish.

English

We will continue to teach specific English skills in discrete spelling, handwriting and grammar sessions. We will then embed these skills throughout the curriculum and we will explore different text types throughout our topic and extended writing sessions. Your child will also have regular personalised tutorials with us to focus on their individual next steps.

Your child will receive a set of spellings every Tuesday to take home and learn for the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to share these and learn them with you at home.

It is our priority to stretch your child's reading skills this half term; we will continue to place a huge emphasis on the enjoyment of reading. Your child should already have an orange reading record to support links with learning at school and at home. Please could we ask that these get brought back into school daily in your child's book bag with their reading books. This is so we can ensure your child's book is changed regularly and that their level of challenge is being met.

Maths

For the next few weeks in maths we are focusing on identifying, comparing and ordering numbers, with a big emphasis on place value and numbers in the number system. Further skills we will be looking at are rounding, estimating, and using the correct symbol for more than and less than. These skills will be taught daily to help consolidate your child's understanding

P.E and Woodland

We will be having P.E on a Monday afternoon so all kits need to be in school. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled, including jumpers as we have a history of children losing items of clothing. We will be using the woodland area every Wednesday morning so again please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies or old shoes in school.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us or to arrange a meeting! We look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.

Yours thankfully,

Jen Watkinson, Sharon Khan, Jade Brett, Jade Bentley, Matt Burton

