

Primary 3/4 Newsletter Term 1

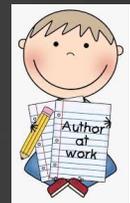
A very warm welcome to P3/4. Now a few weeks in, the children are into their new routines and have settled in very well. I hope this newsletter gives you a good overview of what we will be covering this term as well as the usual housekeeping.



Our context for learning this term is 'The Circus' and we are all very excited! Working alongside P3, we have grouped ourselves into circus 'families' to undertake cooperative learning. As well as our usual literacy and Maths, we include them and many areas of the curriculum under a context to see how learning connects to real life. You will see our journey through SeeSaw and we will have our big event for you by the end of term. This may have to be a recording, it will be covid dependent.

As mentioned in SeeSaw, Mrs Johnston teaches the class on Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings whilst I undertake other responsibilities in school. This is not a job-share. Any queries please direct them to myself. She will take PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Until the Nursery move into their new building later this term, PE will be outside so please be mindful of the weather and come in suitable clothing for PE on these days. Assemblies are held on Thursdays for P4s who will join the P4-7 assembly and the P1-3 assembly is on a Friday. Can I ask that all items are labelled: water bottles, jackets and packed lunches. Homework grids will go out on a Friday, reading books are not being sent home to be re-read. We encourage reading at home and we visit the school library every Tuesday. Library books can be taken home. We encourage participation in homework but this is not compulsory. Ideally, I would really like children to engage with books, comics, magazines and Nesy spelling. Learn its are really important too.

In Literacy this term we will be looking at introducing a new approach to teaching writing that is being rolled out across the school. We will focus on letter writing and story writing. There will be strong focus on nouns, adjectives and verbs and how these can be used effectively in writing. We promote the enjoyment in books and read, or read to daily.



In Maths, we have already been working on place value and developing our counting skills. We will explore the properties of 2D and 3D shape and where we can find them in our environment. You will be sent home a Learn-its sheet in the next couple of weeks. This is completed in class weekly within a given time. Children need to work each week to improve their best ever score and once they have reached that, aim to bring their time down. These really are important so if you can, please practise these at home with your child.



Our Health and Wellbeing focus this term is developing a growth mindset. A Growth mindset describes a way of viewing challenges and setbacks. People who have a growth mindset believe that even if they struggle with certain skills, their abilities aren't set in stone. They think that with work, their skills can improve over time. We want all our learners to develop a growth mindset.

If you need to get in touch to discuss something then please SeeSaw and I will get back to you. We will share our learning every Friday for our 'Reflective Learning' time when we recap the week and share with you as a class what we have been learning.

Best Wishes

Mr Taylor