

Primary 3/4 Newsletter

Term 2



Topic

We are continuing our *Scintillating Science* topic by learning about electricity, including building our own circuits. We will also be learning about materials and how they can be changed by doing some 'kitchen chemistry' experiments. The senses will also be studied and we'll find out how easy it is to trick them.

We'll learn about sound through investigating how different musical instruments work. We'll hear about some recent scientific inventions and will also use our scientific knowledge to create a game or activity.

Some of our topic time this term will also be spent preparing for our class stall at Christmas Fair, which will involve learning what it is like to run a company.

Timetabling

This term we will also be taught by the following teachers:

Art - Mrs McLean (Thursday & Friday)
Technologies - Mrs Barron (Wednesday)

We have PE on Monday & Wednesday this term, so PE kit is needed on those days.

We will be visiting the school library on a Wednesday this term. Please remember to send in library books to be changed regularly.

Maths



This term we'll be continuing work on place value and also looking at patterns which occur when counting, especially when counting in tens or hundreds. We'll also be working on money with our key focus being recognising all coins, counting groups of coins and counting on to calculate change. Pupils will also have the opportunity to use these skills in a real-life situation by working at the class Christmas Fair stall. We'll be looking at a variety of strategies for addition and subtraction and discussing how different strategies help us with different problems.

Literacy



In reading we will be focusing on reading aloud with expression as well as furthering our comprehension skills. This will include looking at different kinds of questions, such as questions for remembering and questions to test deeper understanding of what has been read. In writing we'll be composing imaginative stories, recounts and also writing to persuade. We'll be trying to make our writing entertaining for the reader by choosing interesting words and phrases as well as focusing on correctly punctuating sentences. Talking and listening will again be covered through everyday work, as well as topic work, with an emphasis on listening to others' contributions and trying to build on them when working in groups.

Outdoor Learning



We will be working outside regularly on a *Thursday afternoon*, no matter what the weather is, working on a variety of subject areas including topic work. We will also be working outside at other times where it will add to the pupils' learning experience. Please make sure the children have appropriate clothing for all weathers. If you are able to help us, please let me know!

Water bottles

Our classroom can be very warm so it would be beneficial if your child brought a bottle to school with them daily which they can fill with water in school as necessary and keep in the classroom to drink from throughout the day.



Homework

Homework will usually be handed out on a Monday and will be collected on a Thursday. I would ask that you remember to sign homework once it has been completed. Thank you.