

P3 Class Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome to our Spring term. The big change for this term is the introduction of our nightly written homework. So in addition to reading, P3 now have spellings and tables to learn. I have put the children into groups I think are at their level, although this may change, depending on how they are coping. Please be patient and help as much as you can, as it will take a while for your child to get the hang of this homework. Use the ideas sheet to help them learn the spellings.

World Around Us	<p>Our theme for this term is Food Glorious Food.</p> <p>We will be looking at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Eating • Looking after our teeth • Food from around the world <p>If you have any books or resources to support this theme at home, please send them in with your child.</p>
Mathematics and Numeracy Areas of focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and subtraction, adding 3 numbers and finding the missing number, within 100 • Understanding place value • Recognising and adding coins. • 3-d shapes, focusing on their names and finding different ways to sort them. • Using standard units to measure length and capacity. • Sorting data using tally charts, Carroll diagrams pictograms and block graphs. • Plotting position using co-ordinates.
Literacy Areas of focus <i>Reading</i> <i>Writing</i> <i>Speaking and Listening</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be continuing with work in their reading groups at school and at home. • The class novels to be read to the class this term are Alice in Wonderland and Diary of a Killer Cat. • We will continue to practice how to join our writing. • In writing, P3 will be learning the features of instructional writing and will be writing their own instructions. • We have started to use text books for our reading comprehension. • Targets have been set in Accelerated Reading, so please help your child to meet these targets by reading regularly.
PDMU / PATHS Programme	<p>In PATHS we are continuing to recognise our feelings and work on ways in which to deal with negative feelings. We will also be looking at friendships and how to develop these.</p>
ICT Areas of focus	<p>ICT will be used across all areas of the curriculum and this term we will be using Education City, a games-based programme, to reinforce all areas of numeracy. We will be using Bee-Bot and Scratch to allow the children to focus on their coding. We will use Microsoft Word to produce written documents.</p>
PE	<p>Your child will play games to improve turn taking and sportsmanship, as well as focusing on the skills of kicking. We will also be introducing some dance during PE, aiming to allow children to develop their listening skills and their creativity.</p>
The Arts	<p>Children will have the opportunity to take part in role play activities during literacy, PATHS and learning through play. The children will be given opportunities to produce pieces of art through activity based learning. We will continue learning songs through Charanga.</p>

If there is anything you would like to ask about the above programmes of work or any other aspect of your child's school life please don't hesitate to contact me.