

P6 Class Newsletter – Autumn

Welcome to our autumn term. As you know, it's been a big change for me, but I'm pleased to report, I'm loving it. The children, as always, have been so welcoming and full of fun. P6 are involved in our shared education project with St Mary's, Altinure, this term. Keep checking out our school website for lots of lovely photos.

World Around Us	<p>Our theme for this term is 'Raiders of the Lost Tomb', which is based on the Ancient Egyptians.</p> <p>We will be attempting to answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who were the ancient Egyptians? • Why was ancient Egypt the 'gift of the Nile'? • Who were the pharaohs? • Why did they build pyramids? • What past times did they enjoy? • What was mummification? • Who were the ancient Egyptian gods? • What were hieroglyphics? • Who was Tutankhamun? • Who was Cleopatra?
Mathematics and Numeracy Areas of focus	<p>P6 is a really jam packed year in Numeracy, so it is important that the children learn their mental facts each night. In addition to this, we will also be focusing on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value with numbers within 1,000,000. • Addition and subtraction within 1 million • Rounding to the nearest 10/100/1000 • Properties of 2-d shapes • Finding information in tables and timetables • Drawing line graphs • Revision of time • Converting units of measure • Multiplication and division
Literacy Areas of focus Reading Writing Speaking and Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P6 will take part in weekly guided reading sessions, with the emphasis being on understanding, fluency and expression. Accelerated Reading books will form the bulk of the reading this year. Please remind your children to mark up any reading they do each night. • P6 have been learning how to write explanations. We will also be focusing on editing our work, using dictionaries to ensure good spelling. • We will be focusing on punctuation and grammar, in particular, capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks, exclamation marks and speech marks. • Help your child to learn their spellings each night.
PDMU / PATHS Prog	<p>We continue our PATHS programme this term, with the focus being on friendships and feelings.</p>
ICT Areas of focus	<p>P6 have been enjoying extending their numeracy knowledge using the Mathletics programme. This can also be used at home. We are completing CCEA UICT tasks in desktop publishing, using Microsoft Publisher and Handling Data, using Microsoft Excel.</p>
PE	<p>We have been playing team games, allowing the children to develop their sporting skills and behaviour.</p>
The Arts	<p>We are using Charanga to develop our musicality. This term, the focus is rock music. Art will be linked to our theme of Ancient Egyptians, with the children making Canopic jars and creating their own gods.</p>