

# Junior Newsletter

## Spring 2017

Happy New Year! I would just like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome in my first term.

### Literacy

The class book this term is 'Pinocchio by Pinocchio' by Michael Morpurgo. The children have been writing their own play scripts based on this story.

This term the children will be writing in a variety of different genres including, a non-chronological report, an explanation text, story writing, and instructions.

In March we will be taking all the children to see a ballet specifically for children at Middlesbrough Theatre. This will be a performance of 'Goldilocks & the three bears' by the Northern Ballet.

The Jack and the Beanstalk initiative will be continuing this year due to the success it has had in the previous years. Please ensure that your child/ren are reading at least 5 times a week.

It is good to see that the children are enjoying using their E-readers. I do understand that some have experienced technical difficulties but this is something that I am looking into. Hopefully they will be all working soon so that we can use them in our guided reading sessions. Please remember to write whether the children have read on their E-reader or have read a school book. It is still very important for any vocabulary to be recorded in their reading records.

### Spelling

Every Friday your child will be given a list of words or phrases to practice ready for the following Friday. Please support and encourage your children with this. Spelling club has started again on Tuesday lunchtime.

### Maths

During this term we will be covering fractions, decimals and percentages, statistics, measurement and geometry. We will also be looking at reasoning and problem solving within mathematics in order to consolidate their learning. Due to the success of the times table test last half term, this will be continuing this term. I thank you for your continued support.

### Science

This term the topics covered will include Sound and Animals including Humans. If you have missed 'Winter Watch' on BBC, it is available on Catch up - it is both an inspiring and

informative programme and all age groups will find something to interest them. The children are going to using 'lab coats' in science as soon as we can collect enough ( button through white shirts).National Science week is later in the term; watch this space!

## **RE**

'What Matters most to Christians, Humanists and me' followed by 'Food and Fasting' and then 'Easter' are our topics in RE this term.

## **French**

'Celebrations' is the theme for French. This will include learning about the cultural differences as well as vocabulary of numbers, days and months.

## **P.E**

This half term children will be playing hockey outside with Mrs Woods on a Monday afternoon and they will also be participating in dance after the half term. We ask that PE kits are in school at all times and children have outdoor clothing in the cold weather.

## **Topic**

This term we will be looking at robots. We will be looking at the use of robots in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century for example in farming, making cars etc. In design and technology children will be making model robots from recyclable materials and incorporating the use of electrical systems. In computing, children will be programming robots to enable them to move and give them instructions. Music will also be linked to the theme and the children will be working towards a composition to accompany an excerpt from a story. Class singing will continue for the first half term.

## **Music Lessons**

Mr Cross will continue to come in on a Thursday afternoon for those children having group or individual music lessons. If any children want to take this up, please ask at the office.

## **Homework**

Your child will get a piece of homework on a Friday to complete for the following Wednesday. This will be either a Literacy, Maths or Topic piece which will help with their learning therefore, we ask that you encourage your child to complete it.

## **Other reminders**

SATS club will be held every Monday 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Circuits will be on a Monday and Wednesday lunchtime.

All children are asked to bring in a water bottle every day to school.