Junior One – Autumn One Newsletter

Welcome back! I hope everyone managed to have a restful and relaxing summer break.

This newsletter gives you some helpful information about the next half term and includes an overview of what we will be learning.

English

We will be starting our term with a text called 'Take me to Mrs Cole'. We will be making predictions about the text, comparing books by the same author and planning our own version. We will then be moving onto a poetry unit.

Maths

In maths, we will be looking at place value, learning about the value of digits within a number. This will help us to order numbers and work out which are greater, and which are less. Pupils in year three will work with three-digit numbers, whilst pupils in year 4 will move onto working with four-digit numbers. We will then move onto addition and subtraction. We will work using a variety of concreate and pictorial methods before moving onto more formal written methods. Each week, we will continue to develop rapid recall of mental maths as well as developing problem solving and reasoning skills using a mastery approach. We will also look at Roman Numerals and rounding numbers.

Science

Our topic this term is, 'Electricity' We will be creating circuits and diagrams; exploring different types of switches; learning about conductors and insulators and finally looking at electrical safety.

Topic

Our topic this term is titled, 'The Romans'. We will be learning all about the Roman invasion and settlement in Britain. We will study Julius Caesar and Queen Boudicca and their roles. We will be recreating a Roman road out of chocolate and biscuits whilst linking it to the Fosse Way! Finally, we will be studying Roman baths and villas. Lots of fun ahead!

RE

Pupils will learn about the concept of 'Gospel' which tells the story of the life and teaching of Jesus. They will learn about the calling of the first disciples and how Christians today try to follow Jesus. Pupils will find out about Jesus' actions towards other people and what example these set for the actions of Christians today. They will also learn about links between the teachings within Bible and what the meaning of Jesus' good news for Christians is.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons, we will look at rules, including school rules. Pupils will discuss why we have rules and why we have consequences for breaking rules. Pupils will also be able to talk about people who they have a special relationship with, including friends and family, and how they maintain relationships with people who are special to them. Pupils will learn about conflict and resolution.

PE

PE this half term will be as follows:

Wednesdays – Rugby with a sports coach

Thursdays – Circuit training with Mrs Owen

Please can children come to school in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E only. For children attending after school sports clubs on a day that is NOT their usual PE day, please bring a change of clothes and time will be given at the end of the day to get ready for the after-school club.

Homework

Maths – Homework will be set online via Mathletics. Pupils will be set two activities per week on a Friday. They will sometimes require pen and paper for their task set. Pupils will need to complete their homework by the following Friday.

Spellings – Pupils will have a list of 15 spellings to learn. They will be tested on 10 from the list every two weeks, with the first test being on Friday 18th September. The spellings are available on the school web page. Spellings are taught and practised in lesson time, but additional practise at home is very beneficial. The best way to retain spellings long term is to practise often for short periods of time. If you child does SNIP, then these are the words they will be tested on each Thursday.

Reading – It is good practise for your child to read regularly at home. As part of their homework, we expect pupils to read 3 times per week at home as a minimum. This needs to be recorded by an adult in your child's reading record. In addition to this, pupils are expected to complete one reading comprehension which is sent home on paper and will be checked each Friday. If your child finds reading the comprehension difficult, it is fine to help them with any tricky words and then read the text back to them. You are also welcome to scribe the answers (if necessary) as I am looking at their ability to comprehend the questions. However, all children in Y4 should now be writing their own answers on the sheet as it really helps build up stamina for comprehension.

If your child has completed their Mathletics homework, done 3 reads at home (please sign their reading record) and handed in their reading comprehension, they will be rewarded with 10 minutes additional playtime on a Friday afternoon.

If you have any difficulties accessing the online homework with your child, please do come and speak to me.

I will be on the playground each morning at 8.40 am before the children come into school for the 8.45 am register, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any questions or queries. Alternatively, please feel free to speak to the school office to arrange a meeting. The class email, junior1@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk , is also a good way to communicate with me and I will check this address regularly.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Mrs Owen