



January 2011

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing break. It's great to see the children again looking so refreshed and eager to come back to school and ready for another term. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the Christmas cards and very generous presents at the end of last term.

Topic Work

Our topic this term is World War 2 and the children are very excited about this. We will be looking at what World War 2 was all about as well as rationing, evacuation and what life was like during war times. We will be using books, video clips and talking to people who have survived the war to get extra information. We will also be listening to war time songs and creating art work to do with the war. It will be an exciting project to work through!

Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E. slots this term are a Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon with our new P.E. specialist. The children are working hard in P.E. and are beginning to develop strong links working as a team.

Literacy

Our core reading is working very well and the children are progressing well through their core reading books. They are reading more fluently and accurately and this will continue to develop throughout this year. Our writing this term will focus on imaginative writing. It will be exciting to see some of the stories the children produce when left to their own imagination.

Maths

Maths setting continues in the school and children are working well with their maths setting teachers.

Homework

Homework this term will focus on the schools "VCOP" programme. This stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. This will be further explained as homework is issued.

Modern Languages

P7 are still continuing with their French input with Mrs Bell and P6 are working very well with Mrs Bell in German.

RME

Our Religious and Moral education topic this term is about Special Times and Special Places. The children will be learning about the customs and ceremonies when progressing through life and recognising Special Places to them.

Assessment is for Learning

The children are working well through different assessment strategies and learning that it is important to receive quality feedback from each other as well as the teacher. The children are familiar with self assessment, peer assessment and teacher assessment and will be happy to tell you all about it!

Active Learning

The children are very involved in the learning taking place throughout P6/7. We very rarely sit and write at our desks and we learn through co-operative learning groups, writing trios and from P6 teaching P7 and P7 teaching P6. The children are producing marvellous work and their confidence in speaking out in front of the full class and larger groups is developing very well indeed.

I look forward to another exciting and busy term in P6/7 and I'm sure the children are too. I am very pleased with the children's progress to date and I am sure this will continue. If you have any questions or queries regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,
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