



Broomhill First School



Welcome to the Seabirds Class Newsletter

Our topic for this half term is:

Journey of a River



Download the free Times Tables Rock Stars app and use your school login – ask if you have lost or forgotten it.

Summer Term 1 – May 2019
Mrs Preston

Maths

As mathematicians we will be:

- Understanding the notes and coins available
- Converting pounds to pence
- Ordering amounts of money
- Adding and subtracting money and giving change
- Year 4 will also be rounding and estimating amounts of money
- Reading and interpreting bar charts, pictograms and tables
- Collecting data and presenting it in tables and charts
- Year 4 will also be reading and interpreting line graphs

English

We will be learning about adventure stories and reading *The Hodgeheg* by Dick King-Smith. We will also be creating our own animal character and writing an adventure story about it with a problem, a journey and a resolution.

We will be performing poems by Michael Rosen, Jackie Kay and Mike Jubb and using them as inspiration to create our own poetry.

Science

As scientists we will be studying animal (including human) nutrition:

- Learning that animals don't make their own food and need to eat
- Understanding that animals have different diets
- Describing herbivores, carnivores and omnivores
- Learning about and creating food chains and food webs
- Recognising producers and consumers, predators and prey
- Investigating what a healthy balanced meal could be
- Understanding which foods in humans are for growth and energy

Geography

As geographers we will be learning about Rivers:

- Names for different bodies of water
- Expanding our knowledge of the River Coquet
- The water cycle
- Features of a river
- What meanders are

RE

We will be learning about Islam, focussing on what Muslims believe and how this affects how they live their everyday lives.

PSHE

We will be learning about the importance of water in a healthy diet and how it is better for our teeth than fizzy drinks.

Computing

We will be:

- Refining our internet searching techniques to research the River Coquet
- Using our skills in Word to produce an information sheet on Rivers and the River Coquet

PE

Lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Friday.

We will be learning striking and fielding skills and athletics throwing skills.

Children will need blue or black shorts, white T-shirt and sand shoes or trainers.

These need to be left in school and will be sent home on a half-termly basis for washing.

French

We will be expanding our knowledge of introducing ourselves by continuing to learn how to describe our family and pets.

Art & Design Technology

As artists and designers we will be:

- Learning about impressionist paintings and looking at the work of Claude Monet
- Practising with watercolour paints and pencils to create a variety of effects
- Creating a watery impressionist picture

Music

As musicians we will be:
Learning to play the drums with a specialist music teacher on a Monday afternoon

Help your child at home this term by:

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for their own things and as independent as possible. Is their reading book and reading record in their bag? Have they taken out their earrings if it is a PE day?
- Encouraging them to remember to put letters, money envelopes etc. in the basket in the classroom.
- **Listening to your child read aloud as frequently as possible.** 5 minutes every day is more useful than a long reading session at a weekend but every little helps! Always initial their reading record and add an encouraging comment when you hear them read.
- Helping them to learn their times-tables ready for the Friday tables test. There will be one to learn each week. Log on to Times Tables RockStars for fun practice and to earn Rock Legend status.
- Encouraging them to look for patterns when learning their spellings and to use the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method they use in class.
- Checking in their reading folders for any additional letters or school work.
- Library books are changed on a **Friday**, please remind your child to have their library book with them.

Spelling lists and times tables for homework will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a test the following Friday. Please support and encourage your child to practise these every day.

If you are looking for an app to encourage your child with spellings, we have been using the "Squeebles" spelling app in school. It is inexpensive and you can customise spelling tests to your child's weekly spellings.



Water Bottles

Please bring water bottles in daily, especially now the weather is warmer.

