



Broomhill First School



Welcome to the Seabirds Class Newsletter

This half term we are starting our new topic, which will be:

Stone Age



Summer Term 2 - June 2019

Mrs Preston



Maths

As mathematicians we will be:

- Telling time to the nearest 5 minutes and minute
- Using the 24 hour clock
- Converting analogue times to digital times - year 4 will be doing this in 24 hour clock
- Solving time duration problems and finding start and end times
- Comparing and ordering angles
- Naming and describing 2d and 3d shapes
- Year 3 will be naming vertical, horizontal, diagonal, parallel and perpendicular lines
- Year 4 will be using coordinates to draw polygons

English

We will be looking at traditional poems by Charles Causley & Eleanor Farjeon. We will be learning a poem by heart to perform and writing our own version of Sounds in the Evening by Eleanor Farjeon.

We will be learning the features of persuasive writing. We will study adverts and create our own advert for school as well as trying to write a letter to Mrs Newton persuading her to abolish homework.

Science

As scientists we will be continuing to study animal (including human) nutrition:

- Recognise different types of teeth
- Understand the functions of different types of teeth
- Know how food is digested within the digestive system
- Make a model to show how food moves through the digestive system
- Know how nutrients and water are transported through the body
- Understand how the blood system transports nutrients around the body

History

As historians we will be learning about the Stone Age:

- When was it?
- Why is it called that?
- What did people wear?
- How did they live?
- Evidence from Skara Brae in Orkney
- Theories about Stonehenge

Computing

We will be:

- Using the internet to take a virtual tour of Stonehenge
- Using our skills in Word to produce poetry work for display

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:

- Creating cave paintings using paint and charcoal
- Designing and making a model of a Neolithic Stone Age building

RE

We will be continuing to learn about Islam. This term we will be looking at Muslim festivals and celebrations.

PSHE—Relationships

We will be talking and thinking about choices as well as discussing transition and considering making the most of new opportunities.

PE

Lessons will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We will be playing kwik cricket and learning athletics 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.

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.

