



Broomhill First School



Welcome to the Seabirds Class Newsletter

I hope everyone has had a lovely summer. The children have already settled well and I am looking forward to our year.

Our topic for this half term is:
I'm an Evacuee...get me out of here!



Autumn Term 1 – September 2017
Mrs Preston

Maths

As mathematicians we will:

- Start by looking at the value of numbers and comparing and ordering numbers using a numberline
- Look at using number bonds to 10 and 100 to solve problems
- Double and halve numbers
- Add and subtract using partitioning and numberlines and then move on to column addition
- Use times table facts, both multiplication and division to solve problems
- Use digital and analogue clocks to tell the time

English

We will learn about stories with familiar settings through the Horrid Henry series of books by Francesca Simon.

In non-fiction we will find out about information texts and write our own information text about evacuees.

We will also read syllabic poetry and have a go at writing haiku, tanka or cinquains.

Science

As scientists we will study electricity and circuits:

- Explain ways that electricity is generated
- Identify electrical appliances and whether they are mains or battery powered
- Build a simple circuit and draw a diagram of it
- Sort materials into conductors and insulators
- Understand what a switch does and build a circuit containing one
- Safely carry out investigations using batteries and circuits
- Record and present results of investigations

History

As historians we will learn about evacuees and life in Britain during World War II:

- The outbreak of war
- Evacuees
- The home front
- The armed forces
- The Battle of Britain
- Entertainment in wartime Britain

RE

We will look at Christian lifestyles, valuing individuality and diversity and learning how Jesus' beliefs affected how he behaved.

PSHE

We will be talking and thinking about rules and their importance in keeping us safe as well as discussing what qualities we have that make us special.

Computing

We will be:

- Personalising our drawer labels with desktop publishing skills
- Using the internet to research evacuees
- Creating an information text on life in Britain during World War II

PE

Lessons will be on a Tuesday and swimming on a Friday.

We will be learning gymnastics 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.

Art & Design Technology

As artists and designers we will be:

- Using pencil sketching techniques to create self-portraits
- Experimenting with mixing paint colours
- Creating a night sky blitz picture using our paint mixing skills and silhouettes

Music

Specialist drumming lessons will begin after February half term.

We will be learning some World War II songs as part of our topic work.

Help your child at home this term by:

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for their own things and as independent as possible. Do they need to remember their swimming 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.
- Library books are changed on a **Monday**, please remind your child to have their library book with them.
- Helping them to learn their times-tables ready for the Friday tables test. There will be one to learn each week.
- 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.

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.



Water Bottles

Please bring water bottles in daily.



Parent's Information Meetings

I am going to hold informal information meetings for parents of Year 3 and Year 4 children to give you the opportunity to find out a bit more about the year ahead.

Year 3 meeting—Tuesday 19th September at 2.30pm

Year 4 meeting—Wednesday 20th September at 2.30pm

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for all your help and support.

Joanne Preston

Please return the slip below as it would be very helpful for me to know whether you can attend.



I can / can not come to the meeting on the 19th / 20th September (delete as appropriate).

Signed

Child's name