

# Peckforton Class

This leaflet will tell you about this term's topics and when P.E. kits, homework and reading books need to be in school.

## English

This term will begin with a poetry focus where children will use a range of figurative language in their writing. Within reading, we will compare poems and consider the effect the language has on the reader and the mood created. We will also be learning a poem based on Edinburgh and the Royal family for our poetry recital.

We will continue with Extended Writing each Wednesday, which begins with a focus on setting and character descriptions where pupils will have the opportunity to develop their narrative writing skills. Spellings will be given each week on a Monday and pupils will be tested on a Friday. The same spellings are given over two weeks so there is plenty of time for pupils to practise these.

## Maths

Maths will begin with a focus on mental methods and strategies to calculate. Pupils will increase their knowledge of place value with larger numbers and apply this to problems. Pupils will also develop their knowledge of geometry, including properties of 2D and 3D shape and solving problems with time.

Pupils will spend time each day practising mathematical facts that they are expected to recall quickly. The first two weeks will focus on doubles and halves to 20, followed by the 6 times table facts. A times table test is given each Friday and pupils are encouraged to practise these at home. Mathematics will also be used in school each week to develop mental skills and allow pupils the chance to practise work they have completed in school.

## Science

At the beginning of the term, pupils will be learning about sound. Lessons will involve investigations around changing the pitch and volume of sounds and finding ways to prevent sound from travelling. This will be followed by a focus on animals and their habitats. Pupils will be able to describe the digestive system and understand food chains and their impact on the world. Throughout both topics, pupils will use a range of equipment in order to set up their own scientific enquiries where they will be able to make predictions, draw clear conclusions from their results collected and evaluate their investigation using scientific language.

## Computing

Throughout computing lessons, pupils will develop their understanding of iPad software to present information. They will develop their use of green screen and iMovie to produce their own film about the Royal family. Pupils will also use iPad apps, such as 'Tellagami' and 'Explain Everything' to present their learning. The laptops will also be used for pupils to access the school blog and share their work with a wider audience. Mathematics will also be accessed through the iPads and Laptops regularly throughout the term.

## Cross-curricular work

The first half term will begin with a historical study based on the Royal family. Pupils will study the chronology of periods in history as well as life for the ancestry of the monarchy. Pupils will research the British Commonwealth and kings and queens from the past. Pupils will design their own coat of arms and study maps of the United Kingdom to locate places which are of importance to the Royal family.

During the second half of the term, we will study Shackleton and his journey to the North Pole. Pupils will have the opportunity to read a range of texts around Shackleton and produce their own writing based on the events he went through. Pupils will be able to compare extreme weathers and localities across the world using maps and information texts.

## **PE**

PE will begin with throwing and catching. Pupils will have the opportunity to work as a team whilst developing their spatial awareness, ability to aim and hit targets. During the second half of the term, pupils will take part in racket games including tennis. Each week, we will also have a keep fit lessons where children use a range of equipment in the hall and learn about the importance of staying fit and healthy.

## **Art**

The children will begin by sketching portraits of themselves and members of the Royal family. Pupils will study artists from the 'Pop Art' movement and paint their work in this style. Pupils will create their own art work by combing their own design with elements taken from the artists studied and use contrasting colours for effect.

Pupils will also recreate the famous image of Shackleton's boat by Frank Hurley. Using white pastels, chalk and charcoal pupils will sketch the image of the boat using the contrast of light and dark to produce their own images.

## **Music**

Mrs Shakspeare will teach music on Wednesday and join the choir on a Friday. Pupils will be singing and learning music which is for the end of year performance.

### **Important things to remember**

- **Full school P.E. kit** is needed on **Tuesday for Dance, Thursday for Keep fit** and **Friday for PE.**
- **READING BOOKS** need to be brought into school **every day.** Children will change their home reader and Library book in school on a **Friday.**
- **HOMEWORK** will be set every **Tuesday** and will be due back in school the following **Tuesday.**

Pupils will also be given spellings to learn and times tables to practise. Both of these will be tested on Friday.

***Throughout the term work completed by the children will be put on to our blog. Please look at our work by visiting <http://www.castleviewprimaryschool.co.uk/> or visit the school twitter page @Castle\_ViewPS***

If you have any concerns or issues, don't hesitate to speak to me after school.