

Lochyside RC Primary School

Class Newsletter

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The Autumn term is upon us and we'll be very busy indeed!



LANGUAGE / LITERACY

The reading will continue to run on a rota where the children will work in groups on reading and understanding a variety of texts. We are using some non-fictional material for information finding and we are also reading short novels. The children are encouraged to listen to others and give constructional feedback to their peers, as well as being self-critical and assess whether they have done their best on an activity or could do better. In writing we will move on to use other writers' material to look at sentence structure and use of language in general. The children can then pick and use 'good language' in their own writing. We will also have three language sessions with Peter Fenton who will come in and teach the class how to look at new vocabulary, what it means and how to use it in their future writing. Most of the children have set very sensible targets for their writing this term and many are already well on their way to reach these!



RME

We were fortunate enough to have a whole day of RE activities last Tuesday, delivered by the lovely staff from Craig Lodge, and I think it's safe to say all the children had fun! Carol Cummings will be continuing her sessions with the class and they'll now move onto stories from The New Testament. The children really enjoy these sessions as they get to dress up and be part of the stories.



MATHS

In maths we will spend the next couple of weeks finishing off 'Whole Numbers', now focusing on dividing and multiplying before some move onto 'Decimal Numbers'. The concept of a number being split into decimals can be difficult to grasp so we will use some hands-on activities to further our understanding. Later on in the term we will start 'Money', learning about value and exchange of money both as mathematical problem-solving and real life situations. Once a week we have our practical maths sessions and we will finish off 'Symmetry' and then go onto 'Angles'. We will be learning about types of angles (acute, obtuse, right and straight) and we will be using protractors to draw and measure angles. This topic will also further the children's understanding of compass points, turning 90° west etc.



AUSTRALIA

Our topic about Australia is now coming to an end and we will finish off with the children creating their own PowerPoint on a given mini topic. They will need to present their work in front of the class making sure the PowerPoint has interesting information and good visual effects. Hopefully we can invite Sr Diane back into class for this event.

FRENCH/GAELIC

In French we have been fortunate to get Mrs Murphy to give us a couple of sessions on conversational French. We will continue practising numbers, months and weekdays as well as learning new vocabulary both in French and in Gaelic.

MUSIC

This term Primary 6 will be getting 4 sessions with Angus Binnie, who will teach tin whistle. Furthermore, rehearsals for our Christmas play starts soon and we will all be very busy singing and practising.



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