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SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST

- $\overline{\bigcirc}$ We have gym sessions on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate kit.
- This term we are fortunate to have Miss Gillies starting on the 13th of January for 6 weeks.
- We are closed for our mid- term break from Thursday 6th February until Wednesday 12th February with pupils returning on Thursday 13th February.
- 'Come Count with Me' Tuesday 18th February
- PARENTS EVENING Wednesday 18th March 2020.
- The last day of term is Friday 3rd April 2020.

 We welcome your commen t s:
 Signed Child's name

Westerton Primary School



Curriculum News

Term: 2 Dates: January - April **Class: Primary P7**



Literacy and English

Reading

A main focus this term will be non-fiction books. Pupils will engage in a wide range of activities and will continue to develop a range of reading strategies. Novels will continue being sent home weekly. Pupils will engage in linked writing tasks based on their reading.

Writing

This term, we will be focussing on persuasive and discursive texts linked to our IDL and real life contexts. Throughout all writing activities we will be exploring the effective use of VCOP as a way of improving our work.

Talking and Listening

These skills are promoted through all curricular areas in a range of activities including presentations, debates and discussions.

Mathematics *This term, we will be focussing on the following areas:*

- Developing mental maths and problem solving skills using Barvember
- A specific focus on real life word problems
- Time
- Money
- Fraction, Decimals, Percentages.

Science

Our main focus this term will be Forces followed by Vibrations and Waves.

Digital Literacy and Computing Science

Pupils will use Glow to develop emailing skills and animation. They will have regular access to iPads to enhance research skills.

Health & Wellbeing includes Physical Education

PE

This term, we will focus on gymnastics and racquet skills. Throughout all PE lessons, we will continue to develop effective team work and communication skills.

Please ensure appropriate gym kit is worn: a change of shoes, t-shirt and shorts. Please note that long hair should be tied back and jewellery must be removed. Tights are not considered appropriate clothing for PE lessons.

Health & Wellbeing

This term we will explore food and its link with our health. We will be learning about food hygiene as we prepare a number of dishes including a Burns Supper.

We will also work on anxiety and the coping strategies that we can use.

Expressive Arts

Drama

This term, Drama activities will be linked to our novel and Social Studies work. We will also use puppets as a means of telling a story to an audience.

Art and Design with Miss MacDonald

This term we will be developing skill in using visual elements such as line, shape, tone and form. We will also be looking at concepts such as proportion, perspective and composition. Pupils will learn to apply these to represent objects with increasing detail and the illusion of 3D by exploring ways of creating the effect of light and reflection.

Music

Pupils will be enhancing their drumming skills through a range of structured activities focussing on beat, rhythm and pitch. We will also look at a range of Scottish songs.

Religious & Moral Education

P7 will be learning about Influential people followed by the Easter story.

Social Studies

We will be learning about Scottish culture and diversity followed by a mini topic about The Homefront in WW2.

<u>Modern languages</u>

This term we will be focussing on vocabulary related to personal description with the aim of writing short pieces about ourselves.

<u>Homework</u>

<u>Homework will be issued on a Tuesday to be</u> <u>returned the following Monday.</u>

<u>Spelling</u> words with a linked task. Doorway Speller is an excellent online resource to improve spelling.

<u>Maths</u> task set on <u>Sumdog</u>.

<u>Reading</u> homework will be given using the novel we are studying in class. As your child will participate in tasks relating to the pages read, it is **extremely** important that reading is completed on time.

Other homework tasks will be assigned throughout the term including <u>individual presentations</u> and <u>topic tasks</u>. Pupils have been asked to revise times tables. ICT games can be a great resource to motivate with this, Hit the Button or Daily Ten in Top Marks works well.



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