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Term Ahead: August 2024 - Primary 6

Dear Families,

Welcome Back, I hope you had a lovely summer! We are looking forward to getting to know you this year so please come across and say hello! We hope that you'll find the information below useful.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy and English</p> <p>Our strong focus in literacy is on fostering a love of books and reading in our children. We are working in book groups where we develop vocabulary, comprehension skills and the ability to discuss characters, events and themes in stories.</p> <p>Part of our 'We Love Reading' work will involve a book topic on Wonder by R. J. Palacio. This book covers important themes such as inclusion, friendships and bullying which we will be discussing in class.</p> <p>We will be learning to write diary entries this term as well as creating scientific reports as part of our topic. Our grammar will link to our writing units and will cover tenses, speech and punctuation.</p> <p>Spelling concentrates on revising 'sounds' from last year and some tricky words. You can find the spelling words alongside the homework grid.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy and Mathematics</p> <p>In numeracy, we are securing and extending our understanding of place value of numbers up to 1 million. We are moving on to rounding these numbers as well as being able to mentally find 100,1000 and 10 000 more or less. Later on in the term, we will be using our knowledge of place value to support addition and subtraction of whole numbers.</p> <p>Problem solving will be an integral part of our work and we are working hard to decide what part of a problem needs to be tackled first and whether one answer is enough to prove our ideas.</p> <p>During outdoor learning we will explore angles, symmetry and transformation. This will support the learning which will take place after the October Break.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Learning Across the Curriculum</p> <p>Our topic this term is Science. Through this topic we will be learning about different sciences – Biodiversity, Forces, electricity and chemistry. We will be creating experiments for each of these scientific areas, discussing our findings and learning the science behind it.</p> <p>As part of the Empowered Learning programme, we will be learning how to use technology safely. This will also compliment and extend the learning taking place in class.</p> <p>Health and wellbeing lessons will be using the national resource for relationships, sexual health and parenthood (RSHP). We will be looking at Making and keeping friends, staying safe online, bullying and being fair.</p> <p>We have already explored the UN Rights of the Child and used this to establish class routines and expectations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Administration</p> <p>P.E: will take place on Wednesdays for 6A and Tuesdays for 6B with our PE specialist Mr Murray. Kit must be worn to school.</p> <p>Outdoor Learning: will take place on Mondays in our woods. Children must come to school in appropriate clothing with waterproof coats and footwear.</p> <p>Homework Grid: Please look at the homework grid to find activities which will support the learning taking place in class.</p> <p>Padlet: For a fortnightly update about our learning, please access our new school Padlet via the link, our school website or the QR code below. https://padlet.com/9080072/balgreen-primary-school-apjbbb5edkryt4v</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office.

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