From the sea ...to the stars!

Literacy

Writing

We will be undertaking Narrative writing this term. We'll look at how to structure a piece with a beginning, a problem, an exciting middle and a resolution. We'll build on descriptive work undertaken in term 1 to create interesting characters/ setting.

Reading

We will enjoy 'The Christmnasaurus' as a class novel throughout the term, linked to our class Voyage of Discovery and writing work. We'll also focus on key reciprocal reading skills in teaching groups eg. Summarising, making predictions and clarifying vocabulary meaning. Reading books will continue to be explored within class and brought home as homework. Children will also have time to read AR texts and take quizzes on completed books. Furthermore, the use of the school e-library will be encouraged for digital books this term.

Listening and Talking

Children will continue to develop their collaborative group skills during this term in a number of tasks linked to their class voyage and through play activities. P4/5 will also continue to develop listening and questioning skills through their 'What's in the box?' activity.

Voyage of Discovery

During the first term the class will be looking at the question:

What's in Santa's Sack? How could we design, make and sell a toy or game that Santa would be proud to have in his sack?

P4/5 will work on a seasonal topic as inventors and designers to create items to sell at their own Christmas Fayre. They'll develop their collaborative skills in Enterprise teams, assigning roles and reflecting upon their work. The children will follow the design process: idea – sketch- plan – make – test – improve. Throughout the Voyage of Discovery, the class will be involved in numerous technology, art and design tasks. Alongside this, there will be opportunities to develop some science around movement and forces. The children will also work on their budgeting skills to work out costs and profit too.

The culmination of this project will be an event at the end of term to share, and hopefully sell, their gifts. The class will decide how to use any profit generated.

Numeracy & Mathematics

This term we'll be covering aspects of Addition and Subtraction. This will include looking at a variety of strategies and resources to assist with mental and written problems.

In Mathematics we'll investigate money. This will link to our class Voyage of Discovery to provide practical experience of budgeting, handling cash and working out costs and profit.

We'll have access to numeracy games links within the class numeracy folder in Showbie to consolidate class lessons and encourage retrieval of key learning. Children will also use Magma maths tasks on their ipad in class to consolidate learning, revise and maintain their knowledge of core numeracy concepts.

Curriculum Overview
Class: P4/5 Mr Taylor
Block: 1 2 3 4

Homework

Children will be given a spelling rule and common words on a Monday. Spelling homework can be completed and returned on a Friday.

Reading will be sent home on a Monday or Tuesday to be completed for Friday. Please sign homework diary each week. Please support your child with reading at home, through their group homework book and Accelerated Reading text. If your child uses the IDL website to support their learning in class, they may also access these activities at home, if they wish.

Children can make use of Magma maths, TT Rockstars, Numbots and other numeracy games links via their Ipad, if they have time at home. Links will be provided to them via Showbie throughout the term. This will be optional, however, based on the screen time set at home.

Ipads are provided to enhance learning and should be brought to school with at least 50% charge daily.

Health & Wellbeing

In P.E. the children will be working on:

Racket Skills

- Hand-eye co-ordination.
- Balancing, keepie ups.
- Striking on forehand and backhand.
- Playing to rules and within a court.
- Persevering with challenging tasks.

Social Dance

- Partner and Set dances.
- Formations.
- Mutual respect and Co-operation

In Health and Wellbeing, we will be focussing on building relationships and friendships. We'll take part in the whole school event for Kindness Day too, in November. Aside from this, the class will maintain their learning about their rights as a child through the UNCRC.

Showbie

You will find more information about some of our learning on the Showbie App.

Please make sure you are signed up and have access to your child's account and our class group.
Please contact me if you need information on how to do this and I'll send a Showbie invite sheet to you.

Showbie will be updated with class information and reminders on a regular basis (usually Friday), as well as photos/videos of class work.
Throughout the term some pieces of class work will be uploaded to your child's ongoing portfolio.

Once signed up to Showbie, you'll be able to join the Parent group with the code below:

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https://communities.showbie.com/E7HEUE