



Broomhill First School



Welcome to the Seabirds Class Newsletter

We will be learning about many different countries Christmas traditions and using our geography skills to learn where in the world they are.

Our topic for this half term is:

Christmas Round the World



Autumn Term 2 – November 2018
Mrs Preston

Maths

As mathematicians we will be:

Consolidating formal written methods for addition and subtraction using 3-digit numbers. (Year 4: 4-digits)

Solving word problems using addition and subtraction.

Estimating and using inverse operations to check answers to calculations.

Count from 0 in multiples of 4 and 8. (Year 4: also in multiples of 6, 7, and 9)

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for 3, 4 and 8 times tables (Year 4: all tables up to 12x12)

Begin to use formal written methods of multiplication and division.

Solve problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division

English

We will be reading and comparing a range of poems and writing our own acrostic firework poems.

Children will also be reading and writing information texts relating to our Christmas Round the World and light topics.

We will be looking at playscripts and learning about the features of playscripts through our Christmas production.

Science

As scientists we will be:

- Learning about sources of light
- Investigating how light travels
- Reflecting light and using mirrors
- Recognising how shadows are formed
- Investigating materials light can travel through and understanding the terms, transparent, translucent and opaque

Geography

As geographers we will be learning:

- How to use an atlas
- Revising the continents and oceans
- Discovering the position and significance of the equator, Arctic and Antarctic Circle
- Identifying different countries in the world using a map, globe and atlas
- Exploring countries in the world and their climate through learning about their Christmas traditions

RE

Christianity: Jesus

To know that Christians believe Jesus is the son of God.

To realise that many bible stories show Jesus as helping people.

Computing

We will be:

- Learning about E-safety
- Creating information sheets on our topic
- Familiarising ourselves with the interactive learning on Abacus and Purple Mash

PSHE—All About Me

We will be looking at feelings.

- Exploring vocabulary to express feelings.
- Describing how situations feel.
- Discussing ways to try and deal with feelings.

French

We will be greeting people, asking their name and how they are, as well as practising numbers to 12.

PE

Lessons will be on a Tuesday and swimming on a Friday.

We will be learning gymnastic skills.

Children will need blue or black shorts, white T-shirt and sand shoes or trainers.

These need to be left in school and will be sent home on a half-termly basis for washing.

Art & Design Technology

As artists and designers we will be:

- Using paint to produce a piece of winter art
- Using cutting techniques to create a silhouette picture
- Designing a suitable vehicle for Santa to deliver presents in Australia

Music

Specialist drumming lessons will begin after February half term.

We will be learning songs for our Christmas production.

Help your child at home this term by:

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for their own things and as independent as possible. Do they have their reading book and reading record in their bag? Have they taken out their earrings if it is a PE day?
- Encouraging them to remember to put letters, money envelopes etc. in the basket in the classroom.
- **Listening to your child read aloud as frequently as possible.** 5 minutes every day is more useful than a long reading session at a weekend but every little helps! Always initial their reading record and add an encouraging comment when you hear them read.
- Helping them to learn their times-tables ready for the Friday tables test. There will be one to learn each week.
- Encouraging them to look for patterns when learning their spellings and to use the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method they use in class.
- Checking in their reading folders for any additional letters or school work.
- Library books are changed on a **Thursday**, please remind your child to have their library book with them.

Spelling lists and times tables for homework will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a test the following Friday. Please support and encourage your child to practise these every day.



Water Bottles

Please bring water bottles in daily.

