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Grade Six Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome to a new term at Providenciales Primary School. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and that you celebrated the New Year in style! I must say many thanks for the wonderful presents you gave to me for Christmas. I was certainly overwhelmed at your generosity and have been getting to grips with my ipod over the holidays. I haven't yet got 15,000 songs though!

This promises to be a very busy term indeed, as we will begin to prepare for the examinations that lie ahead and concentrate on our studies of the Turks and Caicos Islands. I would be grateful if you could clarify where you expect your child to go for his/her secondary phase of education, so that I can best prepare them for examinations etc.

I am planning for the week beginning 16th January to be our mock SATs examination week. This will enable the children to understand what will be expected of them and in addition, allow me to see areas in which the children need to make further progress before the main tests take place.

In the week beginning 23rd January, we will embark upon a day trip to North Caicos as part of our TCI Social Studies. This trip is being made possible through the kind help of John Esper. I will send you further details shortly, along with a permission letter.



Weeks in January

Check out these interesting themes weeks for the coming months:

Staying Healthy Month

All of January

www.food.gov.uk/healthiereating/

16th January – Martin Luther King Day

www.mlkday.gov/

23rd January - Handwriting Day

http://www.crayola.com/calendar/detail.cfm?event_id=141&year=2005

27th February - Mozart's Birthday

29th January - Yuan Tan - Chinese New Year

www.activityvillage.co.uk/chinese_new_year.htm

Literacy

We have begun the term with the interpretation of poems and how poets manipulate words. In this we will look at homophones, onomatopoeia and nouns and pronouns. Subsequently, we will study narrative structure and how to use the devices of writers in our own work and then we shall move on to Argument and Debate.

Numeracy

The first topic has been using and extending number sequences with the simple development of algebra by substituting numbers for letters. Our next area will be Place value, ordering and rounding where we will look at the differences between positive and negative integers. Following that, we shall work on brackets, factors, multiplication, fraction and protractor work, to name just a few of the aspects this term....

In Science, we are completing our 'Sound' topic and will move on to 'Keeping Healthy', Micro Organisms and the Interdependence and Adaptation of plants and animals. Part of the work will include revision and sample test questions.

The Turks and Caicos Islands History, Geography and Government will be the major focus of our Social Studies this term. The three main topic areas will be Turks and Caicos and the Wider World, Our Industries, Transport and Communication and Civics and Citizenship. If you have any resources, information or expertise that could assist us in these areas of learning, then I would be very grateful.

In ICT we shall be using the Internet to search large databases and then using interpret the information. Part of this topic will include locating information from websites dealing with Turks and Caicos Issues, news globally which will therefore introduce a multi-disciplinary aspect to our learning.

Miss Vivienne will be taking Art and Design and Technology. She will be working with the children on making Slippers and in Art will be looking at a range of textiles. Part of their work will introduce The Ancient Greeks that Grade 6 will focus on in greater detail in the Summer Term.

Upcoming Events

Rabun Gap School Meeting

Friday 13th January @ 15:00

Mock SATs Week 5/6

Week beg. 16th January

School Photos

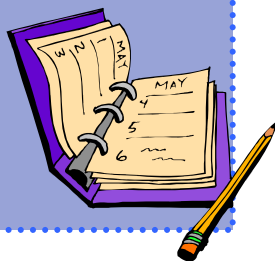
Wednesday 18th January.

Handwriting Day Competition

Monday 23rd January (Miss Sara and I will inform you about this soon!)

Half Term

13th and 14th February.



Homework Reminder!

Monday

BRN – Big Reading Night!

Tuesday

Complete Comprehension and sentence tasks

Wednesday

Numeracy tasks night

Thursday

Spelling and word work

Friday/Weekend

Any additional tasks and reading. Websites and games. Do not leave any major tasks for these days!

Our Citizenship work this term will be dealt with in Assemblies with Grade 5. We will investigate Children's Rights and Human Rights in these lessons and in class will deal with issues in the media.

Miss Sara will be delivering the RE curriculum in later Assemblies, focusing on how the beliefs of Christians affect their actions and why Easter is important for them. PE will be taught by Miss Shara on Tuesday and by me on Thursdays. Miss Shara will concentrate on gymnastics within the curriculum and I will be teaching athletics on the field. The end result for the athletics work will be our annual sports day. Please can you make sure that your child is appropriately attired for PE and has their school uniform with them.

The main focus for Music with Ms Alison will be reading and writing music.



Curricular Websites

Literacy - what is onomatopoeia?

<http://www.buzzin.net/english/onomat.htm>

Complete nonsense? Well Edward Lear meant his poetry to be!

<http://www.nonsenselit.org/Lear/index.html>

This site has been produced to help adults but has some excellent aspects for children too.

Brush up on that grammar.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>

Let's practise our spellings

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revisewise/english/spelling/17_act.shtml

Numeracy - Excellent logic and problem solving activities:

<http://www.counton.org/>

Science - Keeping Healthy with the BBC!

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/9_10/keeping_healthy.shtml

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/micro_organisms.shtml

Learn about the work of Edward Jenner and others with vaccinations:

<http://www.jennermuseum.com/>

Louis Pasteur - http://ambafrance-ca.org/HYPERLAB/PEOPLE/_pasteur.html

Et pour Jayson - <http://pro.wanadoo.fr/jean-louis.pasteur/qejpgast.htm>

Alexander Fleming and Penicillin - <http://nobelprize.org/medicine/laureates/1945/fleming-bio.html>

Citizenship and Children's Rights -

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/people/features/childrensrights/index.shtml>

Unicef's site - <http://www.therightssite.org.uk/>

TCI Social Studies

Government

<http://www.turksandcaicos.tc/government/>

<http://www.turksandcaicosislands.gov.tc/>

Environment

http://www.ukotcf.org/OTEP/docs/brochure_tci.pdf

Thank You!

Special thanks are due the following people:

John Esper for volunteering to take us to North Caicos

Emma Jayne for helping Miss Myrna with Christmas Camp

To all of you for my Christmas presents and kind wishes



Well Done!



Well done to:

Kevin, Jayson, Peter and Alec for making excellent progress with your spelling.

Connor, Ashleigh, Kevin and Myles for your brilliant volcanoes that you made over the holidays. Didn't we have fun making them erupt!

All the children for your fantastic Shakespeare projects.