

## **Love Learning, Love Life Always Aiming High**



Hello and welcome back after the Christmas Holidays.

We hope you enjoyed the break and are well rested and ready to work hard! We have lots to learn this term and we have been busy planning lots of exciting learning opportunities and lessons for you.

Our main topic this term is Local History, where we will have a focus on Ellesmere Port's Boat Museum. In Literacy we will be focusing our learning around the books 'Ape' and 'Snow Dragon'. Throughout the term we will learn how to write non-chronological reports, diary entries and poems.

There will be a huge focus upon handwriting and presentation this half term; everybody must be joining their writing and thinking about how to present work to a high standard.

### **Homework, Spellings and Reading:**

Learning Log homework and Maths homework will be given out on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday. Reading books need to be changed at least once a week and raffle tickets will be given out twice a week to those children who read. Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be tested on the following Friday.

Remember to have your PE kits in school every day please!

**Miss Preugschat and Mrs Deakin.**



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# Our topic will focus on Local History

In **Science** this term, we will be focusing on Living Things and their Habitats. You will be needed to become experts in the use of classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things!



In **Art** we will look at canal boats and how we can use watercolours to create certain effects. In **DT** we will develop our skills in textiles by looking at the structures of canals/boats.

In **English** we will be reading *The Snowy Dragon and Ape*. This term we will identify key features of non-chronological reports, diary entries, poems and create character profiles using our description skills. The grammar we will cover in this term will include noun phrases - fantastic description to interest the reader, conjunctions - to link and extend sentences, adverbials - fascinating sentence openers, prepositions and direct speech.

In **Maths** we will be following the White Rose Maths Scheme which develops the children's fluency with number and their mastery at applying these skills to reasoning and problem solving. We will be focusing on:

- Multiplication and division - we will be carrying on with multiplication and division. We will be multiplying and dividing two digits by one digit.
- Measurement: money.
- Number Sense: recognising, adding and subtracting and comparing fractions.

In **R.E** we will be learning about Sikhism, in particular about the founder Guru Nanak. We will discuss the importance of Sikhism and read stories relating to the religion.

In **Music** we will have weekly sessions on a Friday afternoon. We will be following the Charanga theme which allows children to focus on each aspect of the musical curriculum.



Our **History and Geography** this term will be taught through our topic of Local History. We will learn about the history of Ellesmere Port, looking closely at the National Waterways boat museum and Thomas Telford (a civil engineer). We will develop our understanding of Canals and river formations and the different transportation methods used.

In **P.E** we will continue to develop our balance, coordination, agility, team work and flexibility skills. PE takes place on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon so please make sure you have your PE kit for those days.

In **French** we will continue to work on the topic 'All about me' and begin to learn counting, days and months of the year - so we can say our birthdays in French.



In **Computing** this term we will be learning about digital media.