



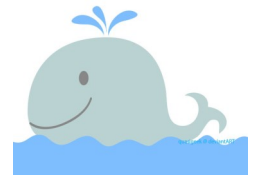
# Welcome to Primary 6

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and managed to enjoy your time together. The children have arrived back in school looking smart and ready to learn. I am really looking forward to working with them over the coming year and to helping them achieve their potential.

We have already made a great start to the new year learning about Democracy, Our Rights and the Rights of the Child. After the September break we will start on a Novel Study based on the book "Why the Whales Came". This is a lovely book set just before the outbreak of WWI. We will learn about different species of whale and the oceans they inhabit.



We read in group in the class and the children have been involved in choosing their first novel. We will continue to do this throughout the year as I feel it is important children read books they are interested in and find enjoyable. Please talk to your child about their book and encourage them to read for enjoyment on a regular basis.

This term I intend to concentrate on times tables, word problems and division. These are the areas the children feel they need to improve upon to enable them to progress further with their number work. The children will have homework linked to the work we are doing in class and I would appreciate your help to ensure homework is complete and in on time. **I will give homework out on a Monday and it should be returned by Thursday.**

In November we will be looking at the Changing Landscape of Scotland and I intend to take the children on a trip to Dynamic Earth. I have organized two workshops and to keep the cost down we will be taking the children on public transport into Edinburgh. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to visit Dynamic Earth and to learn how nature has contributed to making Scotland the beautiful place it is.



This year the children will have Music, P.E. and French from our Specialist Teachers and will also take part in Rugby and Bikeability. These are fantastic opportunities for the children to learn new skills and perhaps find a new hobby. All children will be encouraged to take part in these lessons which expand and perfect their skills. I would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has a PE kit in school consisting of shorts, T-shirt and gym shoes. Their kit will remain in school and be sent home at the end of each term.

**Our gym lessons will take place on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.**

Next year we will go to Benmore for a residential experience. There will be an opportunity for you to attend a short meeting to learn more about the camp and to ask any questions about the week. The children always have an amazing time at camp and come back filled with enthusiasm, if a bit tired.



As you can see Primary 6 have a busy year ahead which I am sure will be productive and successful as well as fun. If you should have any questions about your child's time in school please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

Kind Regards

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