

Baldernock Primary School

P6/7 Newsletter Dec 20



Welcome to our first P6/7 Newsletter...

We have reached the end of our first term and P6/7 have had a very successful and productive time since returning to school in August.

The new norm of COVID-19 protocols has meant we have had to get used to a different type of school life. Fortunately the whole class have coped admirably and acclimatised to new routines swiftly and with great maturity. Once everyone was settled happily back into the school routine this allowed us to get back to learning new things and enjoying being with our friends and classmates.

To follow are some highlights of some of our learning from this term.

Literacy

In Literacy we have been working on both discussion and biography writing as well as refining our skills in genres previously taught. We have been learning more about writing features to improve our descriptive writing. We have also been looking at poetry, discussing some examples along with creating our own poems. More recently the class have been focusing on a novel study and completing work linked with their novel. This has helped to improve comprehension skills, along with listening and talking skills.



Outdoor maths activities



Book covers for our novel study books



Numeracy

This term we have covered a lot in numeracy. We have worked on place value, fractions, decimals & percentages, pattern & relationships, multiples, factors & primes, negative numbers, BODMAS, time, shape, and data handling. The class also continue to work on their mental maths agility on a daily basis with a variety of activities to challenge their mental calculations to improve on speed and accuracy. We have also utilised outdoor learning opportunities for various numeracy problem solving activities.

Health & Wellbeing

Our health and well-being focus was first and foremost to ensure all pupils settled back happily in to school life and were able to cope with new routines. After that, some of the aspects we covered were: ways we can recognise bullying, promoting positive relationships, and how to be good role models to the rest of the wider school community. Completing many outdoor team building activities have helped us to improve our cooperative skills.



Social Studies

Our current news topic was very interesting and we all enjoyed learning more about broadcasting, interviewing and news research along with keeping up to date with current news stories. We were able to practise writing our own news articles, and interview questions and we also performed some mock interviews. The pupils worked on PowerPoint presentations about a current news story of their choice and presented it to class.

Science

In Science we've learnt about sound & light waves, forces and electricity. We have Investigated different aspects of each, carrying out experiments both in class & out. The pupils have had great fun with sound cups, parachutes, balloon cars, to name a few. The last couple of weeks our focus has been electricity and the class have enjoyed making a variety of circuits..





Expressive Arts

The pupils have been showing great improvement in their drawing and painting skills, working with tone, colour blending and creating depth. We have also taken our art lessons outdoors to use our beautiful surroundings as inspiration. We have incorporated drama into both our HWB and social studies, acting out scenarios and themes we were discussing. In music we have been discussing and comparing different pieces of music in regard to beat & rhythm and to build an appreciation of different genres.

Technology

We have been practising using Microsoft teams to ensure everyone can access and use it easily. As well as using other software packages for written work and presentations. We looked at how to check if sources are reliable when researching information from the internet. We have also looked at cyber bullying and how to be a responsible digital citizen.

Religious & Moral Education

In RME this term we were looking at New Testament Figures. We have reflected on why we learn about other cultures and religions and we have looked at the morals learned from some stories in the bible.



Physical Education

For general fitness we created different circuit routines outdoors. We have also covered table tennis and archery. The class has completed a block of cycling, where all pupils achieved great personal successes in improving their cycling proficiency. More recently our focus has been dance and the children have shown great enthusiasm at practicing their steps. Dance moves we were then able to display at the class Christmas party!



To finish off this term, and our newsletter, we wish you all a **Very Merry Christmas!**

We all realise it won't be a normal festive period this year, but I hope you all have a Christmas filled with joy & laughter.

kindest Regards, Miss Johnston.