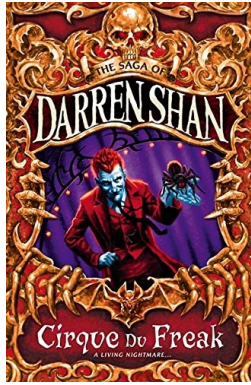


Class Novel

In addition to our literacy work, this term we will be completing a novel study on the first book of the Darren Shan Saga - 'Cirque Du Freak'. This is a spookier book sure to get some of our young students excited about reading and keen to read the rest of the saga themselves. We will use this novel to explore different genres or writings and help us create our own mysterious stories full of suspense.



RME

Primary 6 will be completing a block of RME this term focussing on the religion and culture of Buddhism. This is an interesting subject and will explore the story of the Buddha, the teachings and philosophy of this religion as well as its key symbolism such as the Dharma Wheel.



Technology and Science

In this final term, we aim to make great use of the technology in our school and partake in the 1 hour of coding programme set out to progressively introduce us to the work of computer programming. We will be spending roughly 1 hour per week creating our own games using block coding and eventually progress into simple use of JavaScript. This is an exciting programme and the children have loved the first lessons on this so far!

We have also began looking at the science of plants and how they grow and what they need to survive, including our own plant based experiments! This block will continue into May when it is eventually linked into our 'Living and Growing' teachings (more information on this to come soon.)



Acting Head Teacher:
Mrs L Walker

Depute Head
Teacher:
Mrs A Dingwall

Depute Head
Teacher:
Mr C Wilson

Mayfield Primary School

Stone Avenue
Mayfield
Dalkeith
Midlothian
EH22 5PB

Tel: (0131) 663 0546
mayfield.mgfl.net

mayfield_ps@midlothian.gov.uk

Be the best we
can be!



Primary 6 Newsletter
May 2021

Be the best we can be!

The finish line is in sight!

After what has been another difficult academic year for our pupils - having a change in teacher as well as completing a significant proportion of our work at home - it's great to have our finish line in sight as we set off in our final term



before the summer break. I would again like to thank all the adults at home for their continued support of all the children (we couldn't have made it here without you!) We have a lot of work to get through in this final term, and the weeks ahead will be challenging and tiring for all involved, but I am looking forward to working with the Primary 6 class and pushing them to be the best they can be as they get even closer to becoming Mayfield's Primary 7 cohort!

Homework

Homework will continue again this term. Spelling and numeracy homework will be uploaded on Seesaw every Tuesday with the class spelling test taking place on the following Monday. The spelling homework will consist of the children's spelling words and a spelling menu to choose an activity from. The numeracy homework will be a weekly revision sheet aiming to cover all the domains of our numeracy work and should support children with the topics we have previously covered.

PE and Outdoor learning

PE has been moved back to Thursday afternoons with Mr Cook. Due to current guidelines we are unable to provide changing facilities. Learners can come dressed for PE on the day allocated for PE.

We are still attempting to make use of Outdoor Learning opportunities where possible. As the weather has been very unpredictable recently, please ensure your child brings suitable clothing for whatever the weather brings us and potentially even come in wearing sunscreen as we approach the sunnier months.

What Learning Looks Like This Term:

Maths and Numeracy

We are continuing to use our daily focus on different numeracy domains each day throughout the week. Monday we will work on multiplication and division strategies, Tuesday will focus on addition and subtraction, Wednesday we explore number structures, Thursday will rotate between our work on fractions, decimals and percentages and Friday we will work on our algebraic equations. In this final term we will also have a very large focus on our basic facts to ensure we can perform quick recall of numeracy calculations before we enter Primary 7.

This term's maths topic will be a challenging one as we attempt to cover 'Time'. This topic will be different for each pupil depending on their prior knowledge and will cover a breadth from being able to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks all the way to creating accurate timetables and schedules. We will also spend a little time exploring speed, distance and time calculations!



Literacy

Our literacy will follow our usual schedule throughout the week. The pupils will participate in daily VCOP activities to support the development of writing skills, writing planning will generally take place on Wednesdays in preparation for completing our writing on chromebooks the following day. There will also be multiple listening and talking exercises throughout the week.

For our reading, we will continue to work on the '12 comprehension strategies' each day as well as promoting reading for enjoyment as the children take part in the Accelerated Reading programme.