

Homework

The start date for homework is Monday 20th January. Homework will be set out on a grid covering areas such as Literacy, Numeracy, Topic and Health and Wellbeing. This will run on a 4 week rotation. We ask that your child completes two quality pieces of homework each week and is ready to share their homework with myself and their peers every **Tuesday**. Please ensure homework is done in homework jotters unless specified. Children are more than welcome to take resources from school to complete tasks at home. Pupils will have the opportunity to also create a personal project showcasing their interests and achievements outside of school. Pupils will also be given time to start this in class. We will then present to the rest of the class.

BOATS

We will have a BOATS Session after the February break. Further details including time and area of focus will be communicated closer to the time.

Parent Helpers

If you have any free time throughout the week and would like to come into the classroom to help with reading, writing, numeracy or topic work then please get in touch and let me know as it would be great to see you. Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated—please get in touch if interested!

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Welcome Back

Welcome back P6J after the Christmas holidays. I hope everyone had a brilliant holiday and a well deserved rest. I'm looking forward to a fabulous term ahead in P6J!

Positive Behaviour

In P6J we are using a behaviour chart. Pupils will get moved up the chart for following the class rules, approaching learning positively and being helpful. If a pupil gets to the top of the chart I will ask them at the end of the day what they think they did so brilliantly that day. I will summarise this discussion on a certificate so that it is clear to people at home what they have achieved.

Skiing

Skiing will take place between the 22 January - 04 March 2020.

Every P6 pupil will need:

- warm trousers or loose fitting jogging bottoms (thin leggings are not advised)
- warm jumper and a waterproof jacket or similar (no loose cords)
- waterproof outerwear is recommended
- ski or good hard wearing warm gloves
- warm/thick long socks

There are no lockers available at Midlothian Snowsports Centre therefore valuables should be left at home. If any parents are willing to support as helpers please let me know.

Home-School Communication

If you have any concerns about your child please do not

hesitate to get in contact. I will be available at the beginning of the school day and at the end of the day in the playground. If I have any concerns about wellbeing or if there was an incident in the day that I think you should be aware of I will either try to get to hold of you at the end of the day or by a phone call. If there are any ongoing behavior issues or if I am particularly impressed with a pupils attitude to school and learning I will also get in contact.

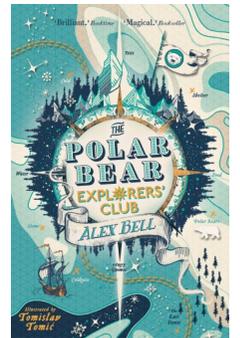
P.E.

We are fortunate to have a visiting P.E. specialist on Wednesdays. Therefore, it is important that every child has a P.E. kit on Wednesdays.

Polar Explorers

Our IDL topic is Polar Explorers. Through this topic we will develop pupil confidence and awareness of STEM skills applied to real-life scenarios through a range of experiments and investigations. These cover a range of themes such as:

- engineering - the building, loading and launching of the ship
- exploration - life as a polar explorer
- arctic animals - living and surviving in a cold environment
- climate change - observing the signs and predicting the future
- oceans - investigating the oceans and pollution.



We will use our learning in topic as a stimulus to support literacy activities including imaginative writing. Our class novel for the term will be *The Polar Explorers' Club* by Alex Bell.